

## Stereoselective synthesis of oxazino[4,3-a]indoles employing oxa-Pictet-Spengler reaction of indoles bearing N-tethered vinylogous carbonate

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### Experimental Procedures and Spectra

**General Materials and Methods:** Melting points are recorded using Tempo melting point apparatus in capillary tubes and are uncorrected. IR spectra were recorded on Nicolet 6700 spectrophotometers.  $^1\text{H}$  (400 MHz) and  $^{13}\text{C}$  (100 MHz) spectra were recorded on Bruker Avance 400 spectrometers. The chemical shifts ( $\delta$  ppm) and coupling constants (Hz) are reported in the standard fashion with reference to internal tetramethylsilane, chloroform or benzene. In the  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra, the nature of the carbons (C, CH, CH<sub>2</sub> or CH<sub>3</sub>) was determined by recording the DEPT-135 experiment, and is given in parentheses. The NOESY (500 MHz) spectrums were recorded on Bruker Avance III 500 MHz (AV 500). High resolution mass measurements were carried out using Micromass Q-ToF GCMS instrument using direct inlet mode. Single crystal X-ray analysis was done on Bruker X8 Kappa APEX II. Analytical thin-layer chromatography (TLC) were performed on glass plates (7.5 x 2.5 and 7.5 x 5.0 cm) coated with Acme's silica gel G containing 13% calcium sulfate as binder or on pre-coated 0.2 mm thick Merck 60 F<sub>245</sub> silica plates and various combinations of ethyl acetate and hexanes were used as eluent. Visualization of spots was accomplished by exposure to iodine vapor. All compounds were purified using silica gel [Acme's silica gel (100-200 mesh)] column chromatography and gave spectroscopic data consistent with being  $\geq 95\%$  the assigned structure. All small-scale dry reactions were carried out using standard syringe septum technique. Dry THF was obtained by distillation over sodium-benzophenone ketyl. Dry CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> and dry DMF was prepared by distilling over calcium hydride. All the commercial reagents were used as such without further purification.

### General Synthesis of Vinylogous carbonates 2:

#### Preparation of the alcohols 17 from the indoles 15:

To a stirred solution of NaH (1 equiv) in dry DMF at 0 °C was added indole **15** (1 equiv) in dry DMF dropwise and stirred for about 20 min. The epoxide **16** (1 equiv) was added

at 0 °C and the reaction mixture was warmed to r.t. and stirred overnight. The reaction mixture was then quenched by adding water and extracted with ether. The combined organic extracts were washed with brine and dried (*anhyd.* Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>). Evaporation of the solvent and purification of the residue on a silica gel column using ethyl acetate-hexanes as the eluent furnished the corresponding alcohol **17**.

#### Preparation of the vinylogous carbonates **2** from the alcohols **17**:

To a stirred solution of the alcohol **17** (1 equiv) in dry CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, was added *N*-methylmorpholine (1 equiv) and ethyl propiolate (1.1 equiv) at r.t. and stirred until the completion of the reaction (*ca.* 4h, TLC control). The reaction mixture was then concentrated and purified by silica gel column chromatography using ethyl acetate-hexanes as the eluent to yield the requisite vinylogous carbonate **2**.

**Table 1:** Synthesis of vinylogous carbonates **2**

entry	R <sup>1</sup>	R <sup>2</sup>	R <sup>3</sup>	product (Step 1)	yield (%) <sup>a</sup>	product (Step 2)	yield (%) <sup>a</sup>	
1	H	<b>15a</b>	H	Me <b>16a</b>	<b>17a</b>	85	<b>2a</b>	95
2	H	<b>15a</b>	H	Ph <b>16b</b>	<b>17b</b>	91	<b>2b</b>	93
3	H	<b>15a</b>	H	CH <sub>2</sub> OBn <b>16c</b>	<b>17c</b>	74	<b>2c</b>	93
4	H	<b>15a</b>	-(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>4</sub> -	<b>16d</b>	<b>17d</b>	98 <sup>b</sup>	<b>2d</b>	94
5	H	<b>15a</b>	-(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> -	<b>16e</b>	<b>17e</b>	67 <sup>b</sup>	<b>2e</b>	83
6	5-OMe	<b>15b</b>	H	Me <b>16a</b>	<b>17f</b>	80	<b>2f</b>	78
7	5-OMe	<b>15b</b>	H	Ph <b>16b</b>	<b>17g</b>	82	<b>2g</b>	85
8	5-Br	<b>15c</b>	H	Me <b>16a</b>	<b>17h</b>	95 <sup>b</sup>	<b>2h</b>	88
9	5-Br	<b>15c</b>	H	Ph <b>16b</b>	<b>17i</b>	94	<b>2i</b>	78
10	3-Me	<b>15d</b>	H	Me <b>16a</b>	<b>17j</b>	94	<b>2j</b>	82
11	3-Me	<b>15d</b>	H	Ph <b>16b</b>	<b>17k</b>	78	<b>2k</b>	72
12	3-Ph	<b>15e</b>	H	Ph <b>16b</b>	<b>17l</b>	77	<b>2l</b>	83
13	3-Ac	<b>15f</b>	H	Me <b>16a</b>	<b>17m</b>	33	<b>2m</b>	83

<sup>a</sup> Yield corresponds to that of isolated, <sup>b</sup> Based on the recovered starting material

### Preparation of oxazinoindoles 1a-l:

**Ethyl [(1*R*<sup>\*</sup>,3*S*<sup>\*</sup>)-3-methyl-3,4-dihydro-1*H*-[1,4]oxazino[4,3-*a*]indol-1-yl]acetate (1a):**

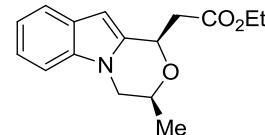
#### Using TMSOTf:

To a cold (0 °C), magnetically stirred solution of the vinylogous carbonate **2a** (24 mg, 0.087 mmol) in dry CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (4 mL) was added TMSOTf (25 µL, 0.1316 mmol). The reaction mixture was slowly allowed to warm up to r.t., stirred for 30 min. (TLC control) and quenched by adding saturated NaHCO<sub>3</sub>. The reaction mixture was extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (3 x 5 mL), washed with brine and dried (*anhyd.* Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>). Evaporation of the solvent and purification of the residue on a silica gel column using ethyl acetate-hexanes (1:24) as eluent furnished a sticky solid, which was recrystallised from ethyl acetate-hexanes to furnish the oxazinoindole **1a** (22 mg, 92 %) as a white solid.

**Physical appearance:** white solid

**R<sub>f</sub>:** 0.5 (1:9, EtOAc:Hexanes).

**mp:** 78 °C.



**IR (neat):** 2976, 2925, 1722, 1456, 1357, 1310, 1246, 1153, 1094, 1035, 953, 782, 740 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ 7.56 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.26 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.18 (dt, *J* = 7.2, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.11 (dt, *J* = 7.2, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 6.20 (s, 1H), 5.35 (dd, *J* = 8.6, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 4.30-4.20 (m, 2H), 4.20-4.10 (m, 1H), 4.10 (ABX, *J* = 11.0, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 3.64 (ABX, *J* = 11.0, 11.0 Hz, 1H), 3.01 (ABX, *J* = 15.8, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 2.85 (ABX, *J* = 15.8, 8.6 Hz, 1H), 1.43 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 3H), 1.31 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H).

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, DEPT):** δ 170.76 (C), 136.18 (C), 135.57 (C), 128.13 (C) 121.46 (CH), 120.62 (CH), 120.30 (CH), 108.84 (CH), 95.83 (CH), 71.37 (CH), 70.48 (CH), 60.95 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 47.90 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 40.53 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 19.24 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 14.37 (CH<sub>3</sub>).

**HRMS (ESI, M+H<sup>+</sup>):** m/z calcd. for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>20</sub>NO<sub>3</sub> 274.1443, found 274.1443.

#### Using BF<sub>3</sub>·OEt<sub>2</sub>:

Reaction of the vinylogous carbonate **2a** (23 mg, 0.085 mmol) with BF<sub>3</sub>·OEt<sub>2</sub> (10 µL, 0.092 mmol) in dry CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (4 mL), as described for the synthesis of oxazinoindole **1a** using TMSOTf followed by purification on a silica gel column using ethyl acetate-hexanes (1:24) as eluent furnished the oxazinoindole **1a** (7 mg, 30 %) as a sticky solid.

### Using BiBr<sub>3</sub>:

Reaction of the vinylogous carbonate **2a** (11 mg, 0.040 mmol) with BiBr<sub>3</sub> (20 mg, 0.044 mmol) in dry CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (4 mL), as described for the synthesis of oxazinoindole **1a** using TMSOTf followed by purification on a silica gel column using ethyl acetate-hexanes (1:24) as eluent furnished the oxazinoindole **1a** (6 mg, 54 %) as a sticky solid.

### Using TiCl<sub>4</sub>:

Reaction of the vinylogous carbonate **2a** (51 mg, 0.187 mmol) with TiCl<sub>4</sub> (25 µL, 0.205 mmol) in dry CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (4 mL), as described for the synthesis of oxazinoindole **1a** using TMSOTf followed by purification on a silica gel column using ethyl acetate-hexanes (1:24) as eluent furnished the oxazinoindole **1a** (21 mg, 42 %) as a sticky solid.

### Using SnCl<sub>4</sub>:

Reaction of the vinylogous carbonate **2a** (44 mg, 0.160 mmol) with SnCl<sub>4</sub> (20 µL, 0.177 mmol) in dry CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (4 mL), as described for the synthesis of oxazinoindole **1a** using TMSOTf followed by purification on a silica gel column using ethyl acetate-hexanes (1:24) as eluent furnished the oxazinoindole **1a** (24 mg, 56 %) as a sticky solid.

### Using FeCl<sub>3</sub>:

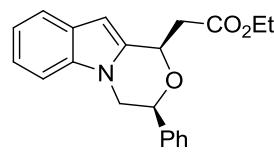
Reaction of the vinylogous carbonate **2a** (51 mg, 0.186 mmol) with FeCl<sub>3</sub> (50 mg, 0.300 mmol) in dry CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (4 mL), as described for the synthesis of oxazinoindole **1a** using TMSOTf followed by purification on a silica gel column using ethyl acetate-hexanes (1:24) as eluent furnished the oxazinoindole **1a** (27 mg, 53 %) as a sticky solid.

### Using CF<sub>3</sub>CO<sub>2</sub>H:

Reaction of the vinylogous carbonate **2a** (53 mg, 0.194 mmol) with CF<sub>3</sub>CO<sub>2</sub>H (30 µL, 0.388 mmol) in dry CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (4 mL), as described for the synthesis of oxazinoindole **1a** using TMSOTf followed by purification on a silica gel column using ethyl acetate-hexanes (1:24) as eluent furnished the oxazinoindole **1a** (21 mg, 42 %) as a sticky solid.

### Ethyl [(1*R*<sup>\*</sup>,3*S*<sup>\*</sup>)-3-phenyl-3,4-dihydro-1*H*-[1,4]oxazino[4,3-*a*]indol-1-yl]acetate (**1b**):

Reaction of the vinylogous carbonate **2b** (110 mg, 0.328 mmol) with TMSOTf (65 µL, 0.360 mmol) in dry CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (6 mL) for 30 min., as described for the oxazinoindole **1a** followed by purification on a silica gel column using ethyl acetate-hexanes (1:24) as eluent furnished the oxazinoindole **1b** (67 mg, 61 %) as a syrupy liquid.



**Physical appearance:** syrupy liquid

**R<sub>f</sub>:** 0.5 (1:9, EtOAc:Hexanes).

**IR (neat):** 2980, 2928, 1733, 1608, 1459, 1366, 1324, 1168, 1103, 1059, 1038, 932, 780, 746 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ 7.60 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.55-7.45 (m, 2H), 7.45-7.30 (m, 3H), 7.27 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.20 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.14 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.28 (s, 1H), 5.57 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 4.5 Hz, 1H), 5.08 (dd, *J* = 11.5, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 4.36 (ABX, *J* = 11.5, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 4.24 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.92 (ABX, *J* = 11.5, 11.5 Hz, 1H), 3.11 (ABX, *J* = 15.8, 4.5 Hz, 1H), 2.99 (ABX, *J* = 15.8, 8.2 Hz, 1H), 1.30 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H).

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, DEPT):** δ 170.60 (C), 138.87 (C), 136.28 (C), 135.35 (C), 128.76 (CH, 2C), 128.52 (CH), 128.20 (C), 126.15 (CH, 2C), 121.62 (CH), 120.70 (CH), 120.44 (CH), 108.88 (CH), 96.21 (CH), 76.12 (CH), 71.94 (CH), 60.96 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 48.07 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 40.70 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 14.36 (CH<sub>3</sub>).

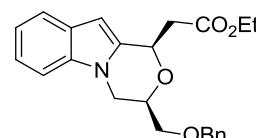
**HRMS (ESI, M+H<sup>+</sup>):** m/z calcd. For C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>22</sub>NO<sub>3</sub> 336.1600, found 336.1604.

**Ethyl [(1*R*<sup>\*</sup>,3*R*<sup>\*</sup>)-3-(benzyloxymethyl)-3,4-dihydro-1*H*-[1,4]oxazino[4,3-*a*]indol-1-yl]acetate (1c):**

Reaction of the vinylogous carbonate **2c** (63 mg, 0.166 mmol) with TMSOTf (35 μL, 0.182 mmol) in dry CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (5 mL) for 1.5 h, as described for the oxazinoindole **1a** followed by purification on a silica gel column using ethyl acetate-hexanes (1:24) as eluent furnished the oxazinoindole **1c** (38 mg, 60 %) as a syrupy liquid.

**Physical appearance:** syrupy liquid

**R<sub>f</sub>:** 0.5 (1:9, EtOAc:Hexanes).



**IR (neat):** 2922, 2860, 1731, 1617, 1457, 1367, 1313, 1283, 1172, 1095, 1029, 783, 737 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ 7.49 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.35-7.15 (m, 6H), 7.12 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.04 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.13 (s, 1H), 5.31 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 4.3 Hz, 1H), 4.57 (s, 2H), 4.25-4.10 (m, 4H), 3.80-3.70 (m, 2H), 3.63 (ABX, *J* = 10.3, 5.4 Hz, 1H), 2.96 (ABX, *J* = 15.9, 4.3 Hz, 1H), 2.80 (ABX, *J* = 15.9, 8.4 Hz, 1H), 1.22 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H).

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, DEPT):** δ 170.61 (C), 137.94 (C), 136.36 (C), 135.42 (C), 128.62 (CH, 2C), 128.00 (CH), 127.94 (CH), 127.90 (CH, 2C), 121.54 (CH), 120.62 (CH), 120.34 (CH), 108.94 (CH), 95.96 (CH), 73.81 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 73.58 (CH), 71.54 (CH), 70.80 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 60.98 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 44.05 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 40.42 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 14.36 (CH<sub>3</sub>).

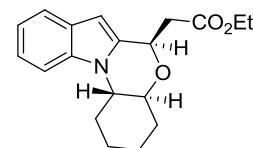
**HRMS (ESI, M+H<sup>+</sup>):** m/z calcd. for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>26</sub>NO<sub>4</sub> 380.1862, found 380.1865.

**Ethyl [4aS\*,12aS\*]-1,2,3,4,4a,12a,-hexahydro-6H,indolo[2,1-c][1,4]benzoxazin-6-yl-acetate (1d):**

Reaction of the vinylogous carbonate **2d** (50 mg, 0.159 mmol) with TMSOTf (30  $\mu$ L, 0.176 mmol) in dry CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (6 mL) for 30 min., as described for the oxazinoindole **1a** followed by purification on a silica gel column using ethyl acetate-hexanes (1:24) as eluent furnished the oxazinoindole **1d** (28 mg, 56 %) as a syrupy liquid.

**Physical appearance:** syrupy liquid

**R<sub>f</sub>:** 0.6 (1:9, EtOAc:Hexanes).



**IR (neat):** 2934, 2864, 1734, 1455, 1327, 1240, 1171, 1109, 1036, 784, 744 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):**  $\delta$  7.48 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.10-7.05 (m, 2H), 6.20 (s, 1H), 5.39 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 4.30-4.20 (m, 2H), 3.93 (dt, *J* = 10.5, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 3.64 (dt, *J* = 10.5, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 3.25-3.05 (m, 1H), 3.00 (ABX, *J* = 15.8, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 2.82 (ABX, *J* = 15.8, 8.5 Hz, 1H), 2.20-2.10 (m, 1H), 2.00-1.80 (m, 2H), 1.70-1.44 (m, 4H), 1.30 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H).

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, DEPT):**  $\delta$  170.77 (C), 137.48 (C), 136.53 (C), 128.79 (C), 121.28 (CH), 120.70 (CH), 119.88 (CH), 111.81 (CH), 96.76 (CH), 80.49 (CH), 72.33 (CH), 60.94 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 59.78 (CH), 40.75 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 31.29 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 30.16 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 24.70 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 24.55 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 14.36 (CH<sub>3</sub>).

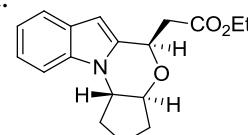
**HRMS (ESI, M+H<sup>+</sup>):** m/z calcd. for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>24</sub>NO<sub>3</sub> 314.1756, found 314.1752.

**Ethyl [3aS\*,5R\*,11aS\*]-2,3,3a,11a-tetrahydro-1H,5H-cyclopenta[5,6][1,4]oxazino[4,3-a]indol-5yl-acetate (1e):**

Reaction of the vinylogous carbonate **2e** (130 mg, 0.434 mmol) with TMSOTf (120  $\mu$ L, 0.651 mmol) in dry CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (6 mL) for 30 min., as described for the oxazinoindole **1a** followed by purification on a silica gel column using ethyl acetate-hexanes (1:24) as eluent furnished the oxazinoindole **1e** (41 mg, 32 %) as a syrupy liquid.

**Physical appearance:** yellow oil

**R<sub>f</sub>:** 0.6 (1:9, EtOAc:Hexanes).



**IR (neat):** 2968, 1732, 1618, 1461, 1368, 1330, 1288, 1166, 1124, 1029, 786, 754 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):**  $\delta$  7.56 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.16 (dt, *J* = 8.0, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.10 (dt, *J* = 8.0, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 6.25 (s, 1H), 5.50 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 4.2

Hz, 1H), 4.30-4.15 (m, 2H), 3.95-3.85 (m, 1H), 3.85-3.75 (m, 1H), 3.05 (ABX,  $J = 15.9$ , 4.2 Hz, 1H), 2.91 (ABX,  $J = 15.9$ , 8.1 Hz, 1H), 2.80-2.65 (m, 1H), 2.15-1.90 (m, 4H), 1.80-1.65 (m, 1H), 1.30 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 3H).

**$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , DEPT):**  $\delta$  170.67 (C), 137.07 (C), 136.72 (C), 128.19 (C), 121.73 (CH), 120.69 (CH), 120.10 (CH), 110.77 (CH), 97.82 (CH), 82.15 (CH), 72.73 (CH), 60.96 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 59.04 (CH), 40.85 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 25.67 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 25.18 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 18.33 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 14.34 ( $\text{CH}_3$ ).

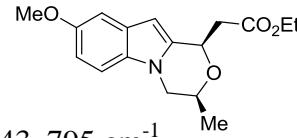
**HRMS (ESI,  $\text{M}+\text{H}^+$ ):** m/z calcd. for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{22}\text{NO}_3$  300.1600, found 300.1594.

**Ethyl [(1*R*<sup>\*</sup>,3*S*<sup>\*</sup>)-8-methoxy-3-methyl-3,4-dihydro-1*H*-[1,4]oxazino[4,3-*a*]indol-1-yl]acetate (1f):**

Reaction of the vinylogous carbonate **2f** (210 mg, 0.692 mmol) with TMSOTf (140  $\mu\text{L}$ , 0.761 mmol) in dry  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  (8 mL) for 1.5 h, as described for the oxazinoindole **1a** followed by purification on a silica gel column using ethyl acetate-hexanes (1:24) as eluent furnished the oxazinoindole **1f** (194 mg, 92 %) as a syrupy liquid.

**Physical appearance:** syrupy liquid

**R<sub>f</sub>:** 0.5 (1:9, EtOAc:Hexanes).



**IR (neat):** 2980, 1733, 1620, 1477, 1361, 1288, 1168, 1096, 1034, 950, 843, 795  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

**$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):**  $\delta$  7.15 (d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 1H), 7.04 (d,  $J = 2.4$  Hz, 1H), 6.85 (dd,  $J = 8.8$ , 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.13 (s, 1H), 5.33 (dd,  $J = 8.6$ , 4.2 Hz, 1H), 4.25 (q,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 2H), 4.15-4.05 (m, 1H), 4.04 (ABX,  $J = 11.0$ , 3.3 Hz, 1H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 3.61 (ABX,  $J = 11.0$ , 11.0 Hz, 1H), 3.00 (ABX,  $J = 15.8$ , 4.2 Hz, 1H), 2.84 (ABX,  $J = 15.8$ , 8.6 Hz, 1H), 1.42 (d,  $J = 6.2$  Hz, 3H), 1.31 (t,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 3H).

**$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , DEPT):**  $\delta$  170.77 (C), 154.65 (C), 136.09 (C), 131.46 (C), 128.4 (C), 111.52 (CH), 109.48 (CH), 102.55 (CH), 95.48 (CH), 71.27 (CH), 70.41 (CH), 60.94 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 56.02 ( $\text{CH}_3$ ), 47.87 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 40.43 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 19.19 ( $\text{CH}_3$ ), 14.35 ( $\text{CH}_3$ ).

**HRMS (ESI,  $\text{M}+\text{H}^+$ ):** m/z calcd. for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{22}\text{NO}_4$  304.1549, found 304.1553.

**Ethyl [(1*R*<sup>\*</sup>,3*S*<sup>\*</sup>)-8-methoxy-3-phenyl-3,4-dihydro-1*H*-[1,4]oxazino[4,3-*a*]indol-1-yl]acetate (1g):**

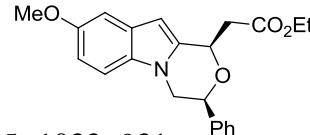
Reaction of the vinylogous carbonate **2g** (60 mg, 0.164 mmol) with TMSOTf (40  $\mu\text{L}$ , 0.246 mmol) in dry  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  (6 mL) for 30 min., as described for the oxazinoindole **1a**

followed by purification on a silica gel column using ethyl acetate-hexanes (1:24) as eluent furnished the oxazinoindole **1g** (43 mg, 72 %) as a syrupy liquid.

**Physical appearance:** syrupy liquid

**R<sub>f</sub>:** 0.5 (1:9, EtOAc:Hexanes).

**IR (neat):** 2938, 1732, 1619, 1578, 1478, 1443, 1287, 1167, 1105, 1033, 931, 843, 794, 761 cm<sup>-1</sup>.



**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ 7.50-7.35 (m, 5H), 7.15 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.08 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 6.87 (dd, *J* = 8.8, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 6.21 (s, 1H), 5.54 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 4.5 Hz, 1H), 5.05 (dd, *J* = 11.0, 3.4 Hz, 1H), 4.30 (ABX, *J* = 11.0, 3.4 Hz, 1H), 4.27 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.88 (ABX, *J* = 11.0, 11.0 Hz, 1H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 3.10 (ABX, *J* = 15.7, 4.5 Hz, 1H), 2.98 (ABX, *J* = 15.7, 8.1 Hz, 1H), 1.30 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H).

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, DEPT):** δ 170.57 (C), 154.81 (C), 138.87 (C), 135.94 (C), 131.61 (C), 128.74 (CH, 2C), 128.59 (CH), 128.50 (CH), 126.13 (CH, 2C), 111.70 (CH), 109.51 (CH), 102.76 (CH), 95.90 (CH), 76.08 (CH), 71.88 (CH), 60.93 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 56.04 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 48.09 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 40.66 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 14.36 (CH<sub>3</sub>).

**HRMS (ESI, M+H<sup>+</sup>):** m/z calcd. For C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>24</sub>NO<sub>4</sub> 366.1705, found 366.1707.

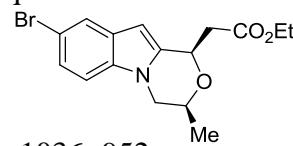
**Ethyl [(1*R*<sup>\*</sup>,3*S*<sup>\*</sup>)-8-bromo-3-methyl-3,4-dihydro-1*H*-[1,4]oxazino[4,3-*a*]indol-1-yl]acetate (1h):**

Reaction of the vinylogous carbonate **2h** (120 mg, 0.341 mmol) with TMSOTf (100 μL, 0.511 mmol) in dry CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (6 mL) for 30 min., as described for the oxazinoindole **1a** followed by purification on a silica gel column using ethyl acetate-hexanes (1:24) as eluent furnished the oxazinoindole **1h** (65 mg, 54 %) as a syrupy liquid.

**Physical appearance:** brown syrupy liquid

**R<sub>f</sub>:** 0.6 (1:9, EtOAc:Hexanes).

**IR (neat):** 2972, 2927, 1722, 1454, 1363, 1312, 1243, 1153, 1095, 1036, 952, 893, 852, 792, 730 cm<sup>-1</sup>.



**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ 7.68 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.26 (dd, *J* = 8.6, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 6.14 (s, 1H), 5.33 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 4.30-4.20 (m, 2H), 4.20-4.10 (m, 1H), 4.06 (ABX, *J* = 11.1, 3.3 Hz, 1H), 3.63 (ABX, *J* = 11.1, 11.1 Hz, 1H), 2.99 (ABX, *J* = 15.9, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 2.85 (ABX, *J* = 15.9, 8.4 Hz, 1H), 1.43 (d, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 3H), 1.30 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H).

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, DEPT):** δ 170.55 (C), 136.73 (C), 134.79, (C), 129.71 (C), 124.22 (CH), 123.06 (CH), 113.40 (C), 110.21 (CH), 95.44 (CH), 71.15 (CH), 70.35 (CH), 60.99 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 47.80 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 40.36 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 19.16 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 14.34 (CH<sub>3</sub>).

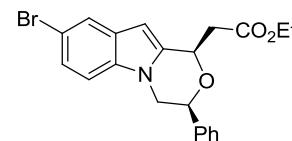
**HRMS (ESI, M+H<sup>+</sup>):** m/z calcd. for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>19</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>Br 352.0548, found 352.0548.

**Ethyl [(1*R*<sup>\*</sup>,3*S*<sup>\*</sup>)-8-bromo-3-phenyl-3,4-dihydro-1*H*-[1,4]oxazino[4,3-*a*]indol-1-yl]acetate (**1i**):**

Reaction of the vinylogous carbonate **2i** (190 mg, 0.459 mmol) with TMSOTf (130 μL, 0.688 mmol) in dry CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (6 mL) for 30 min., as described for the oxazinoindole **1a** followed by purification on a silica gel column using ethyl acetate-hexanes (1:9) as eluent furnished the oxazinoindole **1i** (121 mg, 64 %) as a syrupy liquid.

**Physical appearance:** syrupy liquid

**R<sub>f</sub>:** 0.5 (1:9, EtOAc:Hexanes).



**IR (neat):** 2929, 1731, 1455, 1364, 1318, 1266, 1171, 1102, 1038, 950, 888, 788, 734, 695 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

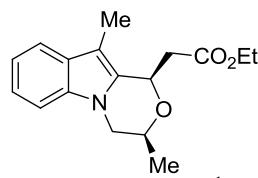
**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ 7.63 (d, *J* = 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.45-7.15 (m, 6H), 7.04 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 6.13 (s, 1H), 5.46 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 4.6 Hz, 1H), 4.98 (dd, *J* = 11.3, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 4.23 (ABX, *J* = 11.3, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 4.15 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.82 (ABX, *J* = 11.3, 11.3 Hz, 1H), 3.00 (ABX, *J* = 15.9, 4.6 Hz, 1H), 2.90 (ABX, *J* = 15.9, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 1.21 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H).

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, DEPT):** δ 170.42 (C), 138.54 (C), 136.53 (C), 134.90 (C), 129.80 (C), 128.81 (CH, 2C), 128.65 (CH), 126.11 (CH, 2C), 124.44 (CH), 123.18 (CH), 113.58 (C), 110.25 (CH), 95.82 (CH), 76.01 (CH), 71.76 (CH), 61.04 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 48.04 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 40.55 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 14.35 (CH<sub>3</sub>).

**HRMS (ESI, M+H<sup>+</sup>):** m/z calcd. for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>21</sub>BrNO<sub>3</sub> 414.0705, found 414.0705.

**Ethyl [(1*R*<sup>\*</sup>,3*S*<sup>\*</sup>)-3,10-dimethyl-3,4-dihydro-1*H*-[1,4]oxazino[4,3-*a*]indol-1-yl]acetate (**1j**):**

Reaction of the vinylogous carbonate **2j** (62 mg, 0.216 mmol) with TMSOTf (45 μL, 0.237 mmol) in dry CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (6 mL) for 40 min., as described for the oxazinoindole **1a** followed by purification on a silica gel column using ethyl acetate-hexanes (1:9) as eluent furnished the oxazinoindole **1j** (53 mg, 85 %) as a syrupy liquid.



**Physical appearance:** syrupy liquid

**R<sub>f</sub>:** 0.5 (1:9, EtOAc:Hexanes).

**IR (neat):** 2979, 2930, 1729, 1614, 1460, 1366, 1241, 1158, 1095, 1036, 849, 746, 605 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ 7.44 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.20-7.00 (m, 3H), 5.38 (dd, *J* = 9.5, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 4.14 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.95 (ABX, *J* = 11.0, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 3.95-3.80 (m, 1H), 3.60 (ABX, *J* = 11.0, 11.0 Hz, 1H), 3.12 (ABX, *J* = 15.6, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 2.70 (ABX, *J* = 15.6, 9.5 Hz, 1H), 2.19 (s, 3H), 1.31 (d, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 3H), 1.20 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H).

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, DEPT):** δ 170.83 (C), 135.30 (C), 129.94 (C), 128.81 (C), 121.33 (CH), 119.46 (CH), 118.40 (CH), 108.44 (CH), 103.86 (CH), 71.27 (CH), 70.06 (CH), 60.77 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 47.97 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 40.65 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 19.02 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 14.33 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 9.38 (CH<sub>3</sub>).

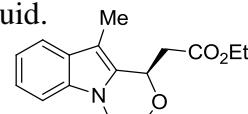
**HRMS (ESI, M+H<sup>+</sup>):** m/z calcd. For C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>22</sub>NO<sub>3</sub> 288.1600, found 288.1606.

**Ethyl [(1*R*\*,3*S*\*)-10-methyl-3-phenyl-3,4-dihydro-1*H*-[1,4]oxazino[4,3-*a*]indol-1-yl]acetate (1k):**

Reaction of the vinylogous carbonate **2k** (60 mg, 0.172 mmol) with TMSOTf (35 μL, 0.189 mmol) in dry CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (6 mL) for 1 h, as described for the oxazinoindole **1a** followed by purification on a silica gel column using ethyl acetate-hexanes (1:24) as eluent furnished the oxazinoindole **1k** (67 mg, 61 %) as a syrupy liquid.

**Physical appearance:** syrupy liquid

**R<sub>f</sub>:** 0.6 (1:9, EtOAc:Hexanes).



**IR (neat):** 2926, 1729, 1615, 1459, 1367, 1240, 1162, 1098, 1031, 735, 695 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ 7.85 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.80-7.75 (m, 2H), 7.75-7.60 (m, 3H), 7.55-7.40 (m, 3H), 5.96 (dd, *J* = 9.1, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 5.20 (dd, *J* = 11.0, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 4.60 (ABX, *J* = 11.0, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 4.55-4.40 (m, 2H), 4.24 (ABX, *J* = 11.0, 11.0 Hz, 1H), 3.56 (ABX, *J* = 15.4, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 3.22 (ABX, *J* = 15.4, 9.1 Hz, 1H), 2.62 (s, 3H), 1.55 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H).

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, DEPT):** δ 170.68 (C), 138.82 (C), 135.35 (C), 129.66 (C), 128.82 (C), 128.67 (CH, 2C), 128.40 (CH), 126.09 (CH, 2C), 121.51 (CH), 119.61 (CH), 118.52 (CH), 108.49 (CH), 104.28 (CH), 75.63 (CH), 71.73 (CH), 60.85 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 48.33 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 40.90 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 14.35 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 9.38 (CH<sub>3</sub>).

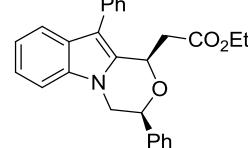
**HRMS (ESI, M+H<sup>+</sup>):** m/z calcd. for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>24</sub>NO<sub>3</sub> 350.1756, found 350.1759.

**Ethyl [(1*R*<sup>\*</sup>,3*S*<sup>\*</sup>)-3,10-diphenyl-3,4-dihydro-1*H*-[1,4]oxazino[4,3-*a*]indol-1-yl]acetate (1l):**

Reaction of the vinylogous carbonate **2l** (55 mg, 0.134 mmol) with TMSOTf (25  $\mu$ L, 0.142 mmol) in dry  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  (6 mL) for 35 min., as described for the oxazinoindole **1a** followed by purification on a silica gel column using ethyl acetate-hexanes (1:9) as eluent furnished the oxazinoindole **1l** (40 mg, 74 %) as a syrupy liquid.

**Physical appearance:** syrupy liquid

**R<sub>f</sub>:** 0.5 (1:9, EtOAc:Hexanes).



**IR (neat):** 3051, 2930, 1733, 1605, 1458, 1370, 1281, 1245, 1170, 1104, 1026, 965, 928, 749, 695  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):**  $\delta$  7.65 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.55-7.30 (m, 11H), 7.20-7.10 (m, 1H), 5.97 (dd, *J* = 9.2, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 5.10 (dd, *J* = 11.0, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 4.43 (ABX, *J* = 11.0, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 4.15-4.00 (m, 3H), 2.88 (ABX, *J* = 15.9, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 2.57 (ABX, *J* = 15.9, 9.2 Hz, 1H), 1.17 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H).

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, DEPT):**  $\delta$  170.79 (C), 138.73 (C), 135.37 (C), 135.01 (C), 130.36 (C), 129.84 (CH, 2C), 128.89 (CH, 2C), 128.75 (CH, 2C), 128.51 (CH), 127.61 (C), 126.68 (CH), 126.09 (CH, 2C), 122.08 (CH), 120.71 (CH), 119.42 (CH), 111.97 (C), 108.73 (CH), 75.45 (CH), 72.17 (CH), 60.66 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 48.25 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 39.63 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 14.28 (CH<sub>3</sub>).

**HRMS (ESI, M+H<sup>+</sup>):** m/z calcd. for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>26</sub>NO<sub>3</sub> 412.1913, found 412.1914.

**Procedure for the preparation of oxazinoindoles 1m-u:**

**Ethyl [(1*R*<sup>\*</sup>,3*S*<sup>\*</sup>)-10-acetyl-3-methyl-3,4-dihydro-1*H*-[1,4]oxazino[4,3-*a*]indol-1-yl]acetate (1m):**

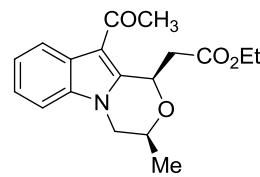
To a cold (0 °C), magnetically stirred solution of the vinylogous carbonate **2a** (51 mg, 0.187 mmol) in dry  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  (6 mL) was added TMSOTf (40  $\mu$ L, 0.224 mmol). The reaction mixture was slowly allowed to warm up to r.t. and stirred for 30 min. After the vinylogous carbonate was completely consumed (TLC control), Ac<sub>2</sub>O (35  $\mu$ L, 0.373 mmol) was added at r.t. and stirred for 3 h. After completion of the reaction, quenched by adding saturated NaHCO<sub>3</sub>. The reaction mixture was extracted with  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  (3 x 10 mL), washed with brine and dried (*anhyd.* Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>). Evaporation of the solvent and purification

of the residue on a silica gel column using ethyl acetate-hexanes (1:9) as eluent furnished the oxazinoindole **1m** (44 mg, 75 %) as a syrupy liquid.

**Physical appearance:** syrupy liquid

**R<sub>f</sub>:** 0.3 (1:3, EtOAc:Hexanes).

**IR (neat):** 2979, 2928, 1732, 1634, 1493, 1460, 1427, 1373, 1290, 1160, 1093, 1025, 966, 739 cm<sup>-1</sup>.



**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ 7.84 (dd, *J* = 7.0, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.30-7.10 (m, 3H), 5.71 (dd, *J* = 6.3, 3.4 Hz, 1H), 4.10-3.90 (m, 3H), 3.90-3.80 (m, 1H), 3.75 (ABX, *J* = 10.5, 10.5 Hz, 1H), 3.22 (ABX, *J* = 16.3, 3.4 Hz, 1H), 2.97 (ABX, *J* = 16.3, 6.3 Hz, 1H), 2.62 (s, 3H), 1.34 (d, *J* = 6.1 Hz, 3H), 1.11 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H).

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, DEPT):** δ 193.65 (C), 170.92 (C), 144.16 (C), 136.09 (C), 126.21 (C), 122.79 (CH), 122.35 (CH), 120.68 (CH), 112.38 (C), 109.69 (CH), 72.07 (CH), 68.99 (CH), 60.42 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 48.26 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 39.53 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 31.44 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 18.80 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 14.27 (CH<sub>3</sub>).

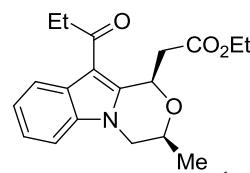
**HRMS (ESI, M+H<sup>+</sup>):** m/z calcd. for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>22</sub>NO<sub>4</sub> 316.1549, found 316.1545.

**Ethyl [(1*R*<sup>\*</sup>,3*S*<sup>\*</sup>)-3-methyl-10-propionyl-3,4-dihydro-1*H*-[1,4]oxazino[4,3-*a*]indol-1-yl]acetate (1n):**

Reaction of the vinylogous carbonate **2a** (42 mg, 0.154 mmol) with TMSOTf (40 μL, 0.230 mmol) and propionic anhydride (40 μL, 0.307 mmol) in dry CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (6 mL) for 6 h, as described for the oxazinoindole **1m** followed by purification on a silica gel column using ethyl acetate-hexanes (1:9) as eluent furnished the oxazinoindole **1n** (38 mg, 77 %) as a syrupy liquid.

**Physical appearance:** syrupy liquid

**R<sub>f</sub>:** 0.3 (1:4, EtOAc:Hexanes).



**IR (neat):** 2976, 2935, 1734, 1639, 1492, 1459, 1373, 1268, 1166, 1098, 1042, 960, 752 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ 7.91 (br d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.40-7.25 (m, 3H), 5.80 (dd, *J* = 6.2, 3.4 Hz, 1H), 4.15-4.00 (m, 3H), 4.00-3.90 (m, 1H), 3.82 (ABX, *J* = 11.0, 11.0 Hz, 1H), 3.30 (ABX, *J* = 16.2, 3.4 Hz, 1H), 3.15-3.00 (m, 3H), 1.41 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 3H), 1.26 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 1.18 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H).

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, DEPT):** δ 196.85 (C), 170.96 (C), 144.08 (C), 136.09 (C), 125.76 (C), 122.70 (CH), 122.26 (CH), 120.98 (CH), 112.01 (C), 109.66 (CH), 72.13

(CH), 68.96 (CH), 60.41 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 48.27 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 39.52 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 36.22 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 18.80 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 14.26 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 8.28 (CH<sub>3</sub>).

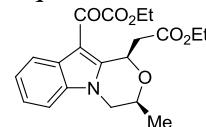
**HRMS (ESI, M+H<sup>+</sup>):** m/z calcd. for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>24</sub>NO<sub>4</sub> 330.1705, found 330.1710.

**Ethyl [(1*R*<sup>\*,3*S*<sup>\*</sup>)-1-(2-ethoxy-2-oxoethyl)-3-methyl-3,4-dihydro-1*H*-[1,4]oxazino[4,3-*a*]indol-10-yl]-2-oxoacetate (1o):</sup>**

Reaction of the vinylogous carbonate **2a** (98 mg, 0.358 mmol) with TMSOTf (100 μL, 0.538 mmol) and ethylchlorooxacetate (100 μL, 0.732 mmol) in dry CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (8 mL) for 6 h, as described for the oxazinoindole **1m** followed by purification on a silica gel column using ethyl acetate-hexanes (1:9) as eluent furnished the oxazinoindole **1a** (42 mg, 43 %) and **1o** (59 mg, 36 %, 77% based on recovered **1a**) as a syrupy liquid.

**Physical appearance:** syrupy liquid

**R<sub>f</sub>:** 0.3 (1:4, EtOAc:Hexanes).



**IR (neat):** 2925, 1731, 1623, 1458, 1373, 1262, 1184, 1092, 1018, 964, 858, 750 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ 7.60-7.55 (m, 1H), 7.30-7.15 (m, 3H), 5.66 (dd, *J* = 6.0, 3.4 Hz, 1H), 4.41 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 4.10-3.95 (m, 3H), 3.95-3.80 (m, 1H), 3.85-3.70 (m, 1H), 3.21 (ABX, *J* = 16.6, 3.4 Hz, 1H), 3.05 (ABX, *J* = 16.6, 6.2 Hz, 1H), 1.40-1.30 (m, 6H), 1.11 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H).

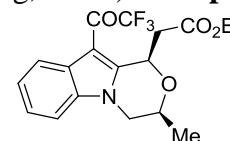
**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, DEPT):** δ 180.53 (C), 170.45 (C), 166.22 (C), 147.37 (C), 136.20 (C), 125.72 (C), 123.72 (CH), 123.32 (CH), 119.79 (CH), 109.81 (CH), 107.24 (C), 71.65 (CH), 69.06 (CH), 62.23 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 60.60 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 48.22 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 39.27 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 18.70 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 14.22 (CH<sub>3</sub>).

**HRMS (ESI, M+H<sup>+</sup>):** m/z calcd. for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>24</sub>NO<sub>6</sub> 374.1604, found 374.1606.

**Ethyl [(1*R*<sup>\*,3*S*<sup>\*</sup>)-3-methyl-10-(2,2,2-trifluoroacetyl)-3,4-dihydro-1*H*-[1,4]oxazino[4,3-*a*]indol-1-yl]acetate (1p):</sup>**

Reaction of the vinylogous carbonate **2a** (21 mg, 0.077 mmol) with TMSOTf (20 μL, 0.115 mmol) and TFAA (40 μL, 0.230 mmol) in dry CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (4 mL) for 4 h, as described for the oxazinoindole **1m** followed by purification on a silica gel column using ethyl acetate-hexanes (1:9) as eluent furnished the oxazinoindole **1a** (11 mg, 52 %) and **1p** (9 mg, 32 %, 69% based on recovered **1a**) as a syrupy liquid.

**Physical appearance:** syrupy liquid



**R<sub>f</sub>:** 0.5 (1:4, EtOAc:Hexanes).

**IR (neat):** 2935, 2253, 1735, 1652, 1476, 1381, 1273, 1192, 1147, 1094, 913, 741 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ 7.99 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.40-7.30 (m, 3H), 5.76 (dd, *J* = 4.8, 4.3 Hz, 1H), 4.20-4.00 (m, 3H), 4.00-3.90 (m, 1H), 3.87 (ABX, *J* = 11.5, 10.4 Hz, 1H), 3.18 (ABX, *J* = 16.6, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 3.07 (ABX, *J* = 16.6, 5.6 Hz, 1H), 1.44 (d, *J* = 6.1 Hz, 3H), 1.17 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H).

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, DEPT):** δ 174.17 (q, *J* = 36.4 Hz, CO), 170.41 (C), 150.41 (C), 136.42 (C), 124.31 (C), 124.10 (CH), 123.61 (CH), 121.19 (CH), 121.14 (CH), 117.40 (q, *J* = 287.4 Hz, CF<sub>3</sub>), 109.82 (CH), 106.11 (C), 71.90 (CH), 68.93 (CH), 60.63 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 48.33 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 38.67 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 18.61 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 14.16 (CH<sub>3</sub>).

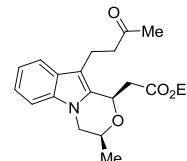
**HRMS (ESI, M+H<sup>+</sup>):** m/z calcd. for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>19</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>F<sub>3</sub> 370.1266, found 370.1261.

**Ethyl [(1*R*<sup>\*</sup>,3*S*<sup>\*</sup>)-3-methyl-10-(3-oxobutyl)-3,4-dihydro-1*H*-[1,4]oxazino[4,3-*a*]indol-1-yl]acetate (1q):**

To a cold (0 °C), magnetically stirred solution of the vinylogous carbonate **2a** (13 mg, 0.048 mmol) and methyl vinyl ketone (10 μL, 0.110 mmol) in dry CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (6 mL) was added TMSOTf (15 μL, 0.071 mmol) in two portions over a period of 30 min. The reaction mixture was quenched by adding saturated NaHCO<sub>3</sub>, extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (3 x 5 mL), washed with brine and dried (*anhyd.* Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>). Evaporation of the solvent and purification of the residue on a silica gel column using ethyl acetate-hexanes (1:9) as eluent furnished the oxazinoindole **1q** (11 mg, 69 %) as a syrupy liquid.

**Physical appearance:** syrupy liquid

**R<sub>f</sub>:** 0.5 (1:3, EtOAc:Hexanes).



**IR (neat):** 2926, 2857, 1722, 1613, 1461, 1366, 1268, 1158, 1029, 973, 902, 855, 743 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ 7.41 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.14 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.09 (td, *J* = 8.1, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.02 (td, *J* = 8.0, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 5.21 (dd, *J* = 9.0, 3.1 Hz, 1H), 4.10 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.95 (ABX, *J* = 11.0, 2.9 Hz, 1H), 3.95-3.80 (m, 1H), 3.60 (t, *J* = 11.0 Hz, 1H), 3.08 (ABX, *J* = 15.5, 3.1 Hz, 1H), 2.95-2.80 (m, 2H), 2.80-2.65 (m, 2H), 2.65-2.50 (m, 1H), 2.03 (s, 3H), 1.30 (d, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 3H), 1.17 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H).

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, DEPT):** δ 208.36 (C), 170.62 (C), 135.50 (C), 130.24 (C), 127.75 (C), 121.52 (CH), 119.69 (CH), 118.42 (CH), 108.71 (CH), 107.67 (C), 71.14

(CH), 69.96 (CH), 60.85 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 47.99 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 44.43 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 40.91 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 30.22 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 19.02 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 18.68 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 14.34 (CH<sub>3</sub>).

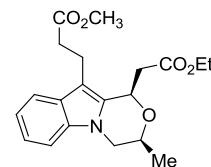
**HRMS (ESI, M+H<sup>+</sup>):** m/z calcd. for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>26</sub>NO<sub>4</sub> 344.1862, found 344.1861.

**Methyl [(1*R*<sup>\*</sup>,3*S*<sup>\*</sup>)-1-(2-ethoxy-2-oxoethyl)-3-methyl-3,4-dihydro-1*H*-[1,4]oxazino[4,3-*a*]indol-10-yl]propanoate (1r):**

Reaction of the vinylogous carbonate **2a** (80 mg, 0.293 mmol) with TMSOTf (100 μL, 0.585 mmol) and methylacrylate (100 μL, 1.097 mmol) in dry CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (6 mL) for 19 h, as described for the oxazinoindole **1m** followed by purification on a silica gel column using ethyl acetate-hexanes (1:9) as eluent furnished the oxazinoindole **1r** (72 mg, 69 %) as a syrupy liquid.

**Physical appearance:** syrupy liquid

**R<sub>f</sub>:** 0.5 (1:4, EtOAc:Hexanes).



**IR (neat):** 2937, 1733, 1613, 1459, 1363, 1253, 1166, 1097, 1033, 746 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ 7.54 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.25-7.15 (m, 2H), 7.12 (dt, *J* = 8.0, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 5.48 (dd, *J* = 9.2, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 4.21 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 4.06 (ABX, *J* = 11.3, 2.9 Hz, 1H), 4.00-3.95 (m, 1H), 3.70 (ABX, *J* = 10.9, 10.9 Hz, 1H), 3.68 (s, 3H), 3.18 (ABX, *J* = 15.4, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 3.10-2.95 (m, 2H), 2.81 (ABX, *J* = 15.4, 9.2 Hz, 1H), 2.75-2.60 (m, 1H), 2.60-2.50 (m, 1H), 1.44 (d, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 3H), 1.27 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H).

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, DEPT):** δ 173.56 (C), 170.60 (C), 135.47 (C), 130.34 (C), 127.72 (C), 121.56 (CH), 119.77 (CH), 118.47 (CH), 108.71 (CH), 107.31 (C), 71.12 (CH), 69.97 (CH), 60.87 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 51.82 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 47.97 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 40.87 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 35.14 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 20.28 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 19.02 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 14.34 (CH<sub>3</sub>).

**HRMS (ESI, M+H<sup>+</sup>):** m/z calcd. for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>26</sub>NO<sub>5</sub> 360.1811, found 360.1806.

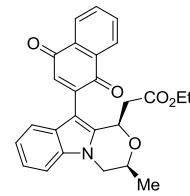
**Ethyl [(1*R*<sup>\*</sup>,3*S*<sup>\*</sup>)-10-(1,4-dioxo-1,4-dihydronaphthalen-2-yl)-3-methyl-3,4-dihydro-1*H*-[1,4]oxazino[4,3-*a*]indol-1-yl]acetate (1s):**

Reaction of the vinylogous carbonate **2a** (20 mg, 0.073 mmol) with TMSOTf (20 μL, 0.110 mmol) and naphthaquinone (22 mg, 0.146 mmol) in dry CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (6 mL) for 11 h, as described for the oxazinoindole **1m** followed by purification on a silica gel column using ethyl acetate-hexanes (1:9) as eluent furnished the oxazinoindole **1s** (21 mg, 68 %) as a dark brown solid.

**Physical appearance:** dark brown solid

**m.p.:** 182-184 °C.

**R<sub>f</sub>:** 0.3 (1:4, EtOAc:Hexanes).



**IR (neat):** 2980, 1736, 1657, 1588, 1462, 1370, 1293, 1243, 1169, 1093, 1034, 787 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

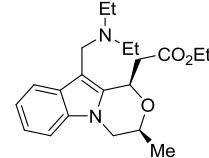
**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ 8.25-8.20 (m, 2H), 7.90-7.75 (m, 2H), 7.70 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.35-7.20 (m, 3H), 5.86 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 4.35-4.25 (m, 1H), 4.22 (ABX, *J* = 11.1, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 4.15-4.05 (m, 2H), 3.86 (ABX, *J* = 11.1, 11.0 Hz, 1H), 2.77 (ABX, *J* = 15.9, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 2.66 (ABX, *J* = 15.9, 8.2 Hz, 1H), 1.53 (d, *J* = 6.1 Hz, 3H), 1.17 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H).

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, DEPT):** δ 185.18 (C), 184.82 (C), 169.88 (C), 143.85 (C), 136.70 (C), 135.72 (C), 134.80 (CH), 134.10 (C), 133.68 (CH), 132.56 (CH), 132.48 (C), 127.24 (CH), 127.02 (C), 126.15 (CH), 122.50 (CH), 121.84 (CH), 119.06 (CH), 109.29 (CH), 103.03 (C), 71.71 (CH), 69.41 (CH), 60.70 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 47.99 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 41.12 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 19.04 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 14.16 (CH<sub>3</sub>).

**HRMS (ESI, M+H<sup>+</sup>):** m/z calcd. for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>24</sub>NO<sub>5</sub> 430.1654, found 430.1649.

**Ethyl [(1*R*<sup>\*</sup>,3*S*<sup>\*</sup>)-10-((diethylamino)methyl)-3-methyl-3,4-dihydro-1*H*-[1,4]oxazino[4,3-*a*]indol-1-yl]acetate (1t):**

Reaction of the vinylogous carbonate **2a** (55 mg, 0.201 mmol) with TMSOTf (55 μL, 0.305 mmol) and preformed iminium salt **9** [prepared by mixing 40% aq formalin (20 μL, 0.302 mmol), diethylamine (30 μL, 0.302 mmol) and AcOH (0.1 mL) in EtOH (2 mL)] in dry CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (6 mL) for 12 h, as described for the oxazinoindole **1m** followed by purification on a silica gel column using ethyl acetate-hexanes (1:9) as eluent furnished the oxazinoindole **1t** (38 mg, 77 %) as a hygroscopic solid.



**Physical appearance:** hygroscopic solid

**R<sub>f</sub>:** 0.3 (1:4, EtOAc:Hexanes).

**IR (neat):** 2971, 2880, 1733, 1461, 1372, 1284, 1247, 1163, 1094, 1051, 962, 916, 734 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ 7.52 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.20-7.10 (m, 1H), 7.07 (dt, *J* = 7.2, 0.6 Hz, 1H), 7.02 (dt, *J* = 8.0, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 5.38 (dd, *J* = 9.2, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 4.10 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.97 (ABX, *J* = 11.3, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 3.95-3.80 (m, 1H), 3.72 (ABX, *J* = 15.9, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 3.70-3.50 (m, 3H), 2.73 (ABX, *J* = 15.9, 9.3 Hz, 1H), 2.39 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 4H), 1.31 (d, *J* = 6.1 Hz, 3H), 1.16 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 0.91 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 6H).

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, DEPT):** δ 171.38 (C), 135.08 (C), 132.25 (C), 129.05 (C), 121.03 (CH), 119.67 (CH), 118.71 (CH), 108.50 (CH), 106.56 (C), 71.70 (CH), 69.88 (CH), 60.43 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 47.99 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 47.91 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 46.38 (2C, CH<sub>2</sub>), 40.40 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 19.05 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 14.37 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 11.73 (2C, CH<sub>3</sub>).

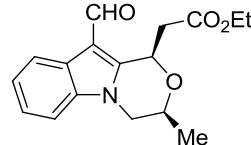
**HRMS (ESI, M+H<sup>+</sup>):** m/z calcd. for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>31</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> 359.2335, found 359.2335.

**Ethyl [(1*R*<sup>\*</sup>,3*S*<sup>\*</sup>)-10-formyl-3-methyl-3,4-dihydro-1*H*-[1,4]oxazino[4,3-*a*]indol-1-yl]acetate (1u):**

Reaction of the vinylogous carbonate **2a** (25 mg, 0.091 mmol) with TMSOTf (35 μL, 0.183 mmol) and triethylorthoformate (45 μL, 0.274 mmol) in dry CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (6 mL) for 30 min., as described for the oxazinoindole **1m** followed by purification on a silica gel column using ethyl acetate-hexanes (1:9) as eluent furnished the oxazinoindole **1n** (26 mg, 95 %) as a hygroscopic solid.

**Physical appearance:** hygroscopic solid

**R<sub>f</sub>:** 0.5 (1:4, EtOAc:Hexanes).



**IR (neat):** 2980, 1734, 1649, 1514, 1464, 1364, 1287, 1242, 1178, 1096, 1039, 751 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ 10.24 (s, 1H), 8.08 (dd, *J* = 5.0, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 7.40-7.25 (m, 3H), 5.71 (dd, *J* = 6.8, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 4.20-4.10 (m, 3H), 4.05-3.95 (m, 1H), 3.83 (ABX, *J* = 11.4, 10.6 Hz, 1H), 3.39 (ABX, *J* = 16.4, 3.3 Hz, 1H), 3.14 (ABX, *J* = 16.4, 6.9 Hz, 1H), 1.45 (d, *J* = 6.1 Hz, 3H), 1.20 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H).

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, DEPT):** δ 183.40 (C), 170.31 (C), 143.47 (C), 135.74 (C), 127.35 (C), 123.42 (CH), 123.23 (CH), 119.28 (CH), 111.07 (C), 109.56 (CH), 71.15 (CH), 69.33 (CH), 60.72 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 47.91 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 40.30 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 18.78 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 14.25 (CH<sub>3</sub>).

**HRMS (ESI, M+H<sup>+</sup>):** m/z calcd. for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>20</sub>NO<sub>4</sub> 302.1392, found 302.1397.

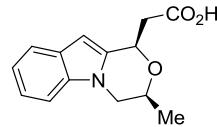
**2-[(1*R*<sup>\*</sup>,3*S*<sup>\*</sup>)-3-methyl-3,4-dihydro-1*H*-[1,4]oxazino[4,3-*a*]indol-1-yl]acetic acid (11a):**

To a stirred solution of the oxazinoindole **1a** (88 mg, 0.32 mmol) in EtOH (5 mL) was added 10% aq. NaOH (5 mL) and stirred overnight at r.t. After completion of the reaction, the solvent was evaporated and the reaction mixture was acidified to pH 2 using 2N HCl and then extracted with ethyl acetate (3 x 5 mL), washed with brine and dried (anhyd. Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>). Evaporation of the solvent and purification of the residue on a silica gel

column using ethyl acetate-hexanes (2:1) as the eluent furnished the acid **11a** (69 mg, 87%) as a syrupy liquid.

**Physical appearance:** syrupy liquid

**R<sub>f</sub>:** 0.5 (3:1, EtOAc:Hexanes).



**IR (neat):** 3049, 2977, 2874, 1710, 1456, 1416, 1355, 1310, 1154, 1090, 1038, 955, 782, 738 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ 7.58 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.28 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (dt, *J* = 7.7, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.13 (dt, *J* = 8.0, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 6.25 (s, 1H), 5.37 (dd, *J* = 8.6, 3.9 Hz, 1H), 4.25-4.15 (m, 1H), 4.13 (ABX, *J* = 11.0, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 3.67 (ABX, *J* = 11.0, 11.0 Hz, 1H), 3.12 (ABX, *J* = 16.2, 3.9 Hz, 1H), 2.94 (ABX, *J* = 16.2, 8.6 Hz, 1H), 1.47 (d, *J* = 6.1 Hz, 3H).

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, DEPT):** δ 175.79 (C), 136.18 (C), 134.91 (C), 128.05 (C), 121.61 (CH), 120.69 (CH), 120.39 (CH), 108.89 (CH), 96.01 (CH), 71.01 (CH), 70.64 (CH), 47.82 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 40.12 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 19.23 (CH<sub>3</sub>).

**HRMS (ESI, M+H<sup>+</sup>):** m/z calcd. for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>16</sub>NO<sub>3</sub> 246.1130, found 246.1126.

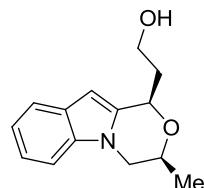
**2-[(1*R*<sup>\*</sup>,3*S*<sup>\*</sup>)-3-methyl-3,4-dihydro-1*H*-[1,4]oxazino[4,3-*a*]indol-1-yl]ethanol (12a):**

To a magnetically stirred solution of the oxazino indole **1a** (300 mg, 1.097 mmol) in dry THF (5 mL) at 0 °C was added LAH (62 mg, 1.64 mmol) in portions and allowed to warm to r.t for 3 h. After completion of the reaction (TLC control), moist Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> was added and the reaction mass was filtered and the filtrate was dried (*anhyd.* Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>). Evaporation of the solvent and purification of the residue on a silica gel column using ethyl acetate-hexanes (1:3) furnished the alcohol **15b** (210 mg, 83%) as a sticky solid which was then recrystallized from hexanes and ether.

**Physical appearance:** white solid

**R<sub>f</sub>:** 0.3 (1:3, EtOAc:Hexanes).

**mp:** 94-96 °C.



**IR (neat):** 3380, 2875, 1457, 1362, 1318, 1234, 1151, 1095, 1054, 781, 743 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ 7.58 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.27 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 7.19 (dt, *J* = 7.7, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (dt, *J* = 7.7, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 6.22 (s, 3H), 5.15 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 2.9 Hz, 1H), 4.20-4.10 (m, 2H), 3.93 (t, *J* = 5.7 Hz, 2H), 3.67 (ABX, *J* = 11.8, 11.7 Hz, 1H), 2.45-2.30 (m, 1H), 2.25-2.10 (m, 1H), 1.46 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 3H).

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, DEPT):** δ 136.15 (C), 135.98 (C), 128.18 (C), 121.38 (CH), 120.59 (CH), 120.29 (CH), 108.80 (CH), 95.88 (CH), 74.66 (CH), 70.62 (CH), 60.74 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 47.89 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 36.76 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 19.38 (CH<sub>3</sub>).

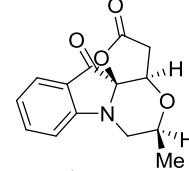
**HRMS (ESI, M+H<sup>+</sup>):** m/z calcd. for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>18</sub>NO<sub>2</sub> 232.1338, found 232.1338.

**(3aR\*,5S\*,12aR\*)-5-methyl-3,3a,5,6-tetrahydro-2H,12H-furo[3',2':2,3][1,4]oxazino[4,3-a]indole-2,12-dione (13a):**

To a stirred solution of the acid **11a** (28 mg, 0.114 mmol) in dry CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (6 mL) at r.t., was added *m*-CPBA (50 mg, 0.290 mmol.) and stirred until completion of the reaction (1 h, TLC control). The reaction mixture was then quenched with saturated NaHCO<sub>3</sub>, extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (3 x 10 mL), washed with brine and dried (*anhyd.* Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>). Evaporation of the solvent and purification of the residue on a silica gel column using ethyl acetate-hexanes (1:19) gave the spirooxoindole **13a** (22 mg, 76%) as a brown syrupy liquid.

**Physical appearance:** brown syrupy liquid

**R<sub>f</sub>:** 0.5 (1:19, EtOAc:Hexanes).



**IR (neat):** 2924, 2854, 1738, 1621, 1470, 1374, 1263, 1154, 1026, 878, 749 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>):** δ 7.42 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.00 (td, *J* = 8.3, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.41 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.14 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 3.39 (d, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 1H), 3.09 (dd, *J* = 4.9, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 2.79 (d, *J* = 11.2 Hz, 1H), 2.75-2.60 (m, 2H), 2.40 (d, *J* = 17.2 Hz, 1H), 0.71 (d, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 3H).

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>, DEPT):** δ 195.00 (C), 172.71 (C), 159.32 (C), 138.37 (CH), 125.76 (CH), 119.88 (C), 119.07 (CH), 109.82 (CH), 90.63 (C), 73.09 (CH), 69.46 (CH), 46.45 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 36.84 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 17.74 (CH<sub>3</sub>).

**HRMS (ESI, M+H<sup>+</sup>):** m/z calcd. for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>14</sub>NO<sub>4</sub> 260.0923, found 260.0921.

**(3aR\*,5S\*,12aR\*)-5-methyl-3,3a,5,6-tetrahydro-2H,12H-furo[3',2':2,3][1,4]oxazino[4,3-a]indole-12-one (14a):**

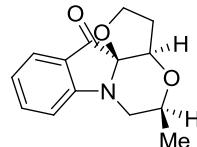
To a stirred solution of the alcohol **12a** (33 mg, 0.142 mmol) in dry CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (6 mL) at r.t., was added *m*-CPBA (75 mg, 0.428 mmol.) and stirred until completion of the reaction (1 h, TLC control). The reaction mixture was then quenched with saturated NaHCO<sub>3</sub>, extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (3 x 10 mL), washed with brine and dried (*anhyd.* Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>).

Evaporation of the solvent and purification of the residue on a silica gel column using ethyl acetate-hexanes (1:19) and recrystallisation of the residue obtained, from ethyl acetate-hexanes gave the spirooxoindole **14a** (24 mg, 69%) as a brown solid.

**Physical appearance:** brown solid

**R<sub>f</sub>:** 0.5 (1:19, EtOAc:Hexanes).

**mp:** 166-168 °C

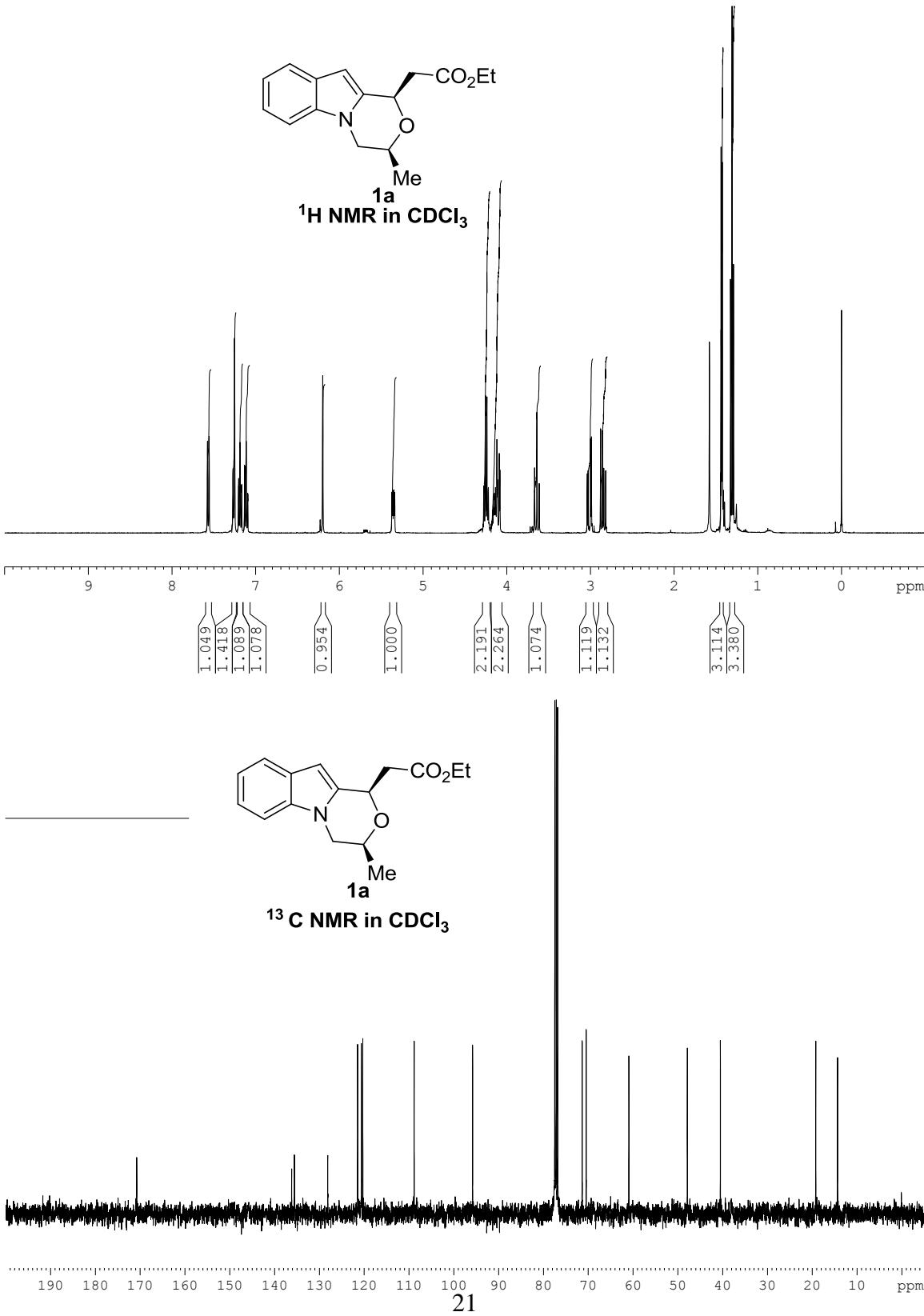


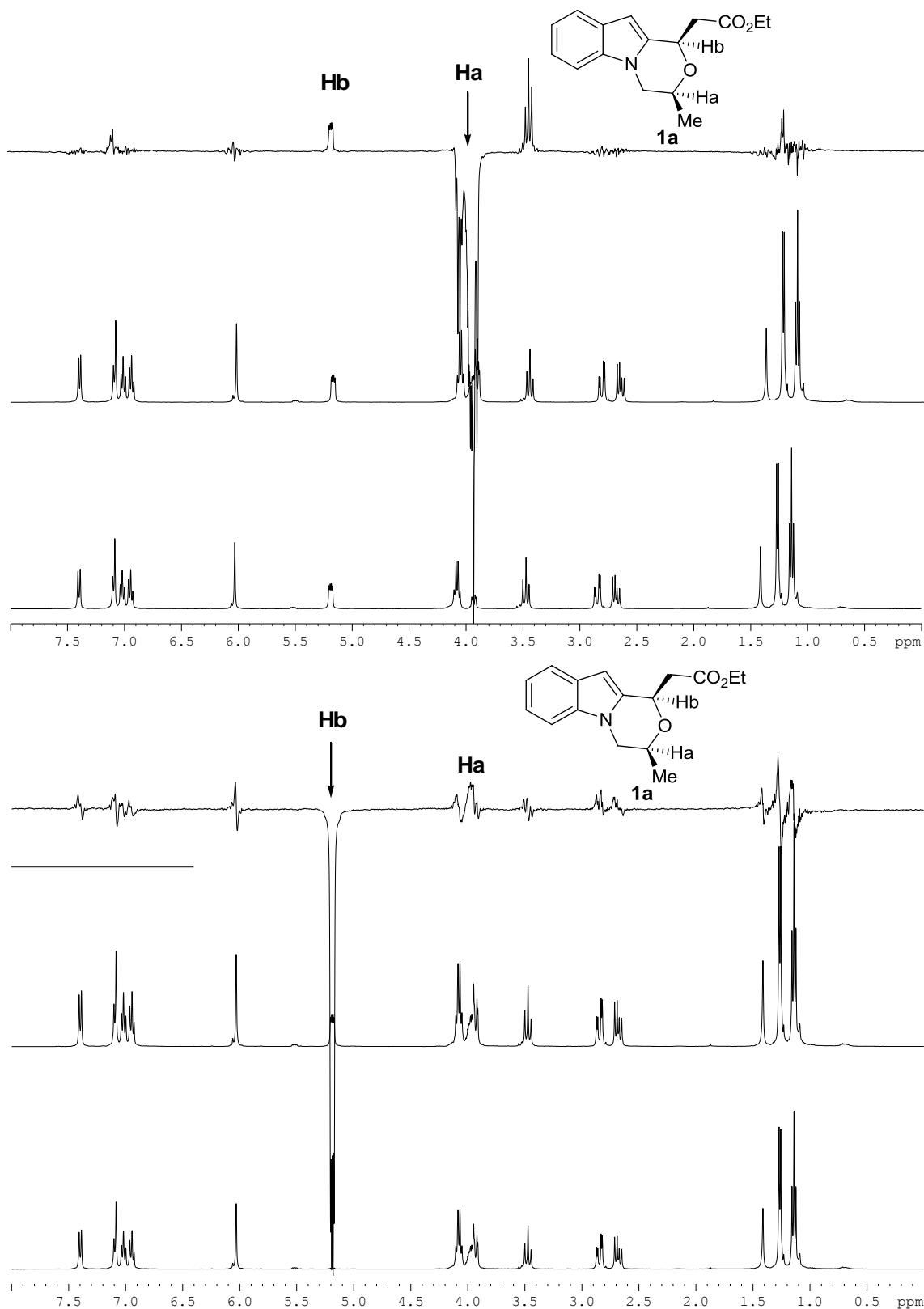
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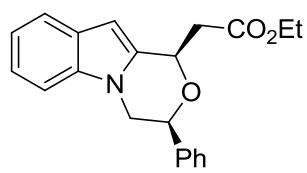
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**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, DEPT):** δ 199.73 (C), 159.33 (C), 138.06 (CH), 125.35 (CH), 119.58 (C), 118.90 (CH), 109.80 (CH), 93.99 (C), 75.13 (CH), 69.27 (CH), 68.14 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 47.27 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 31.64 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 18.38 (CH<sub>3</sub>).

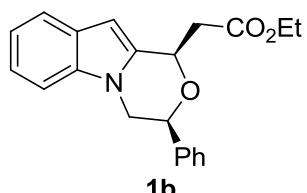
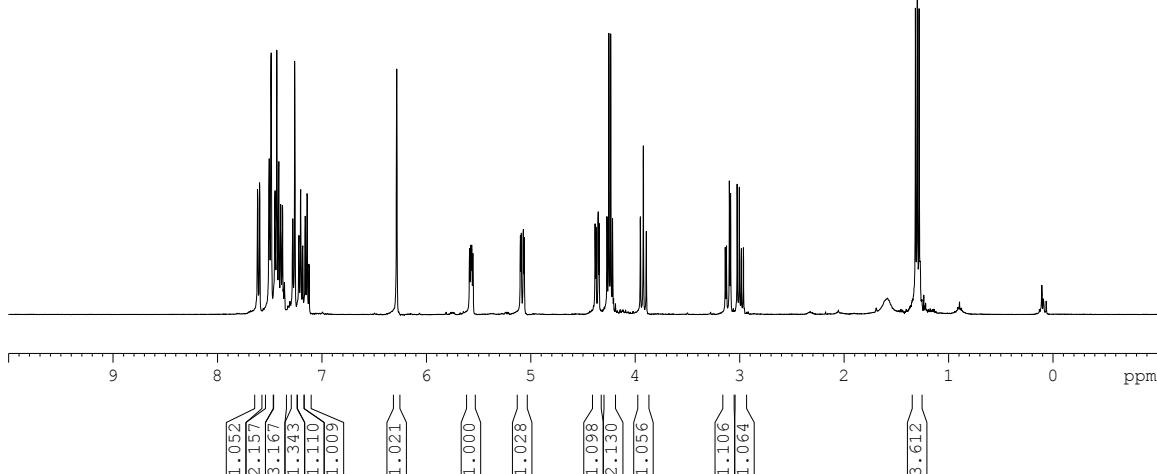
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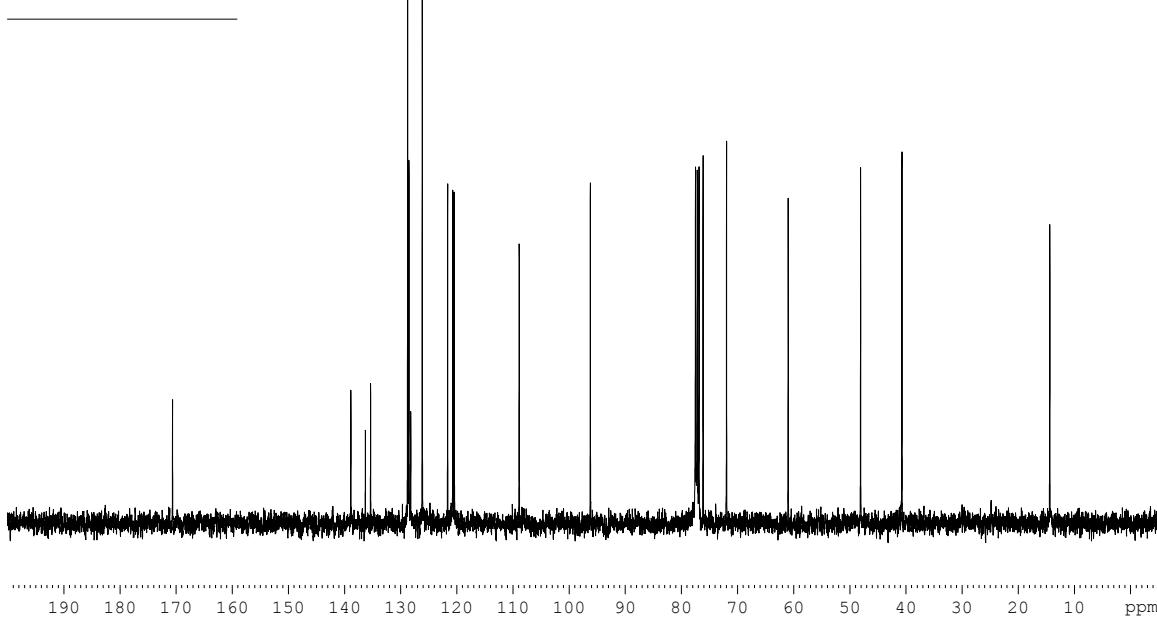


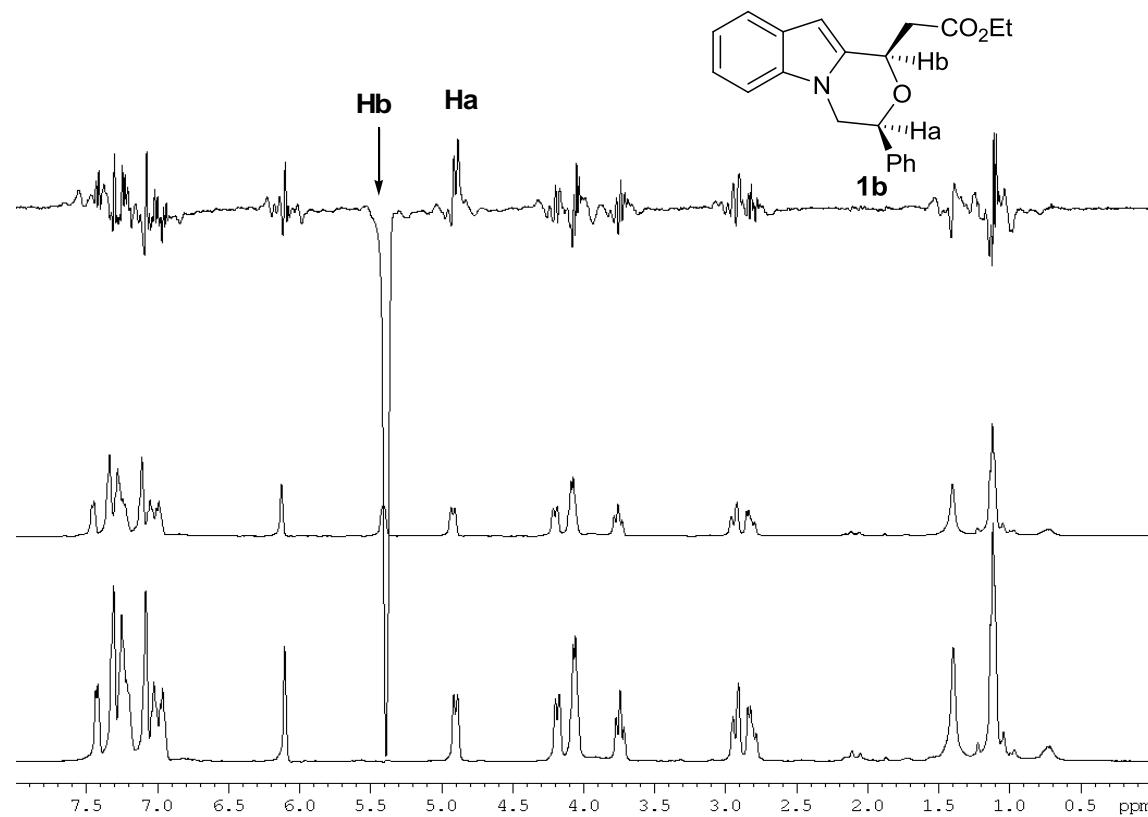
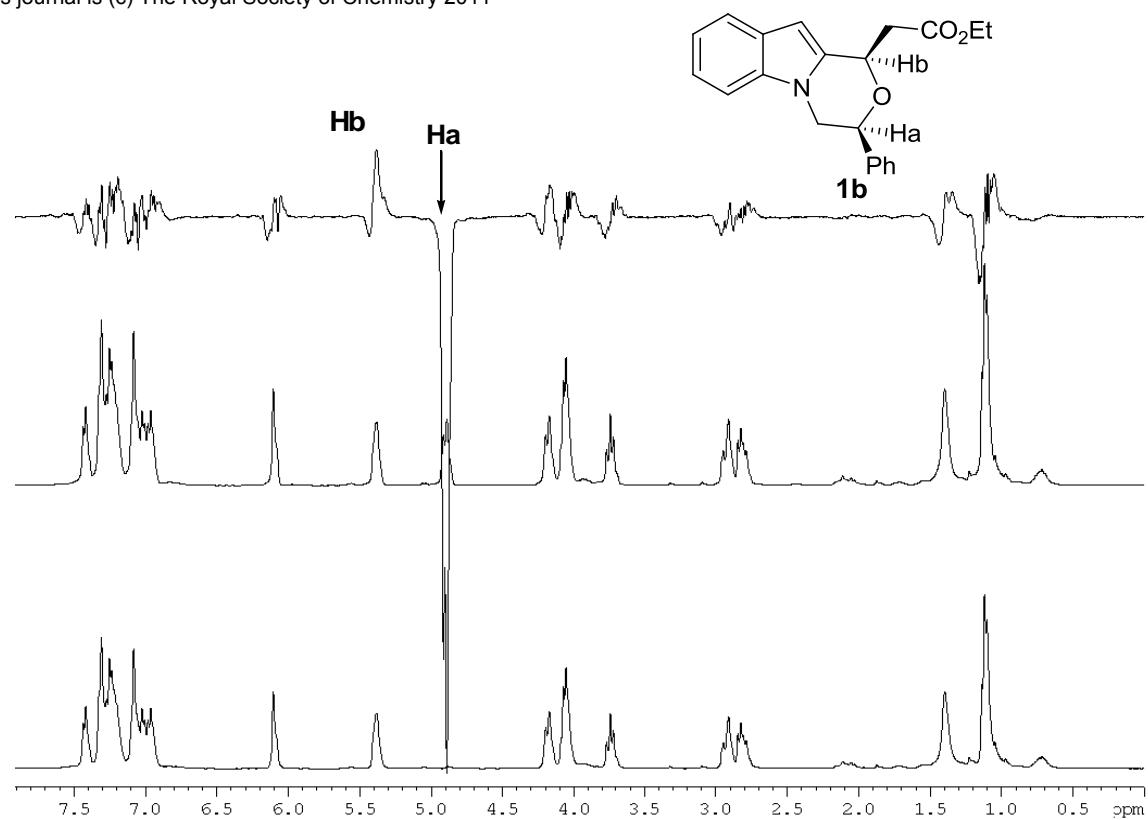


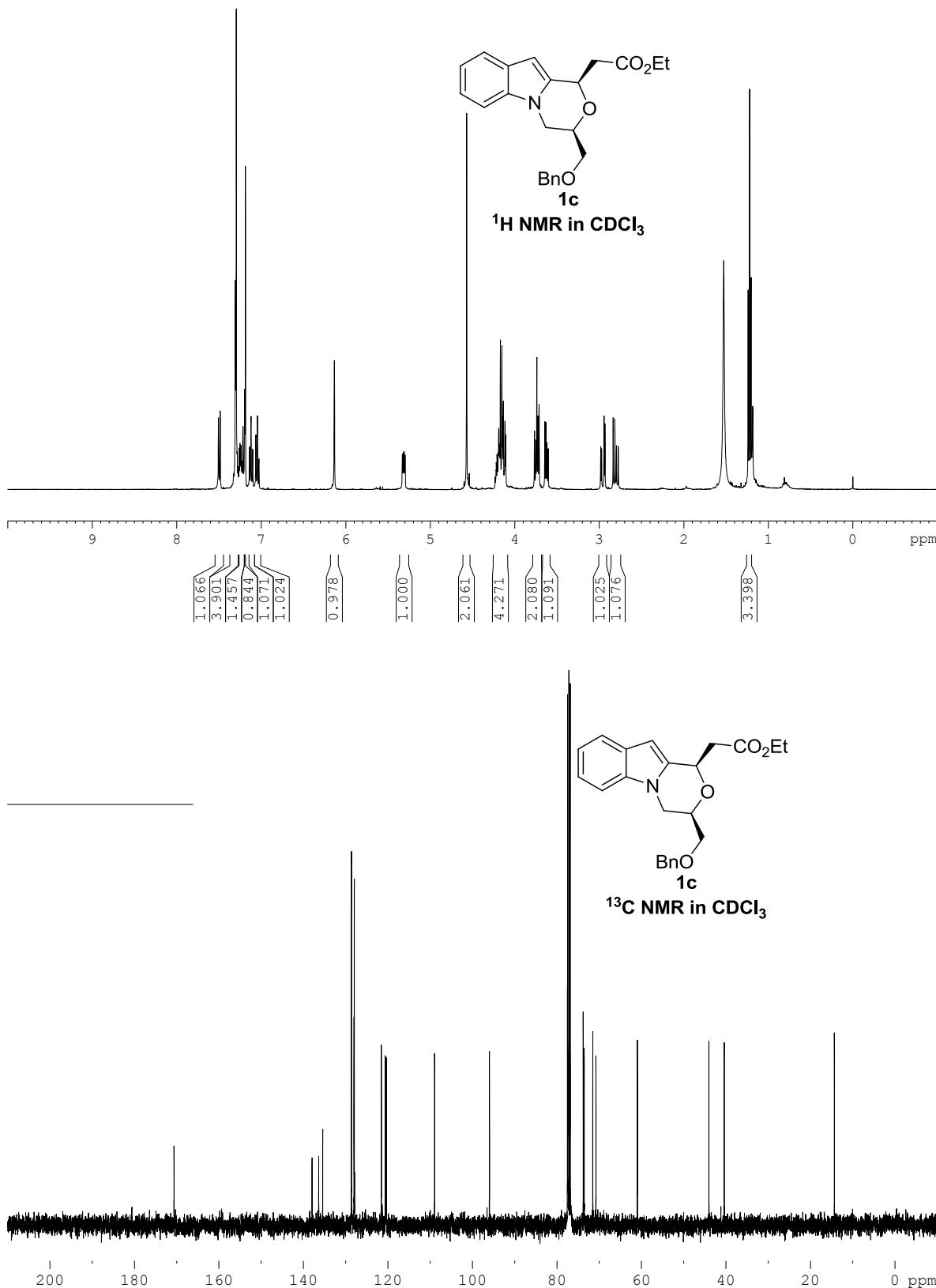
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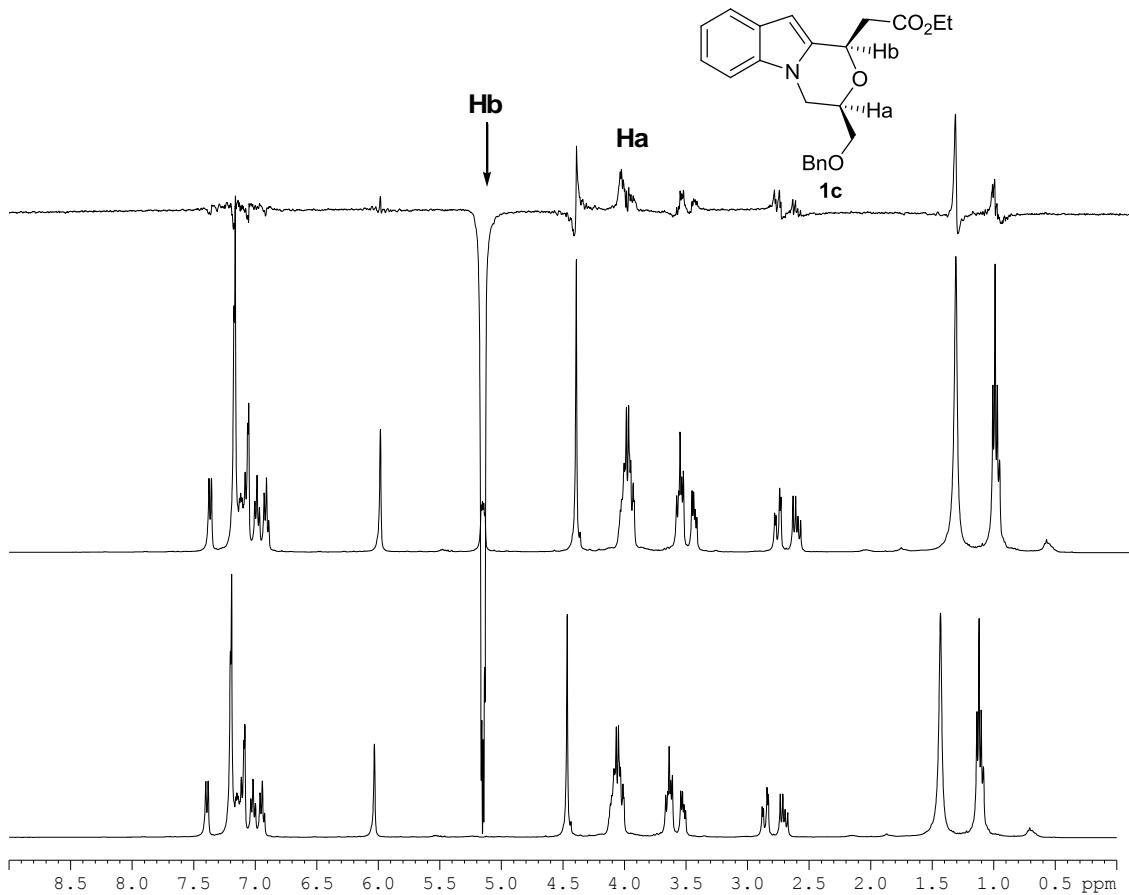
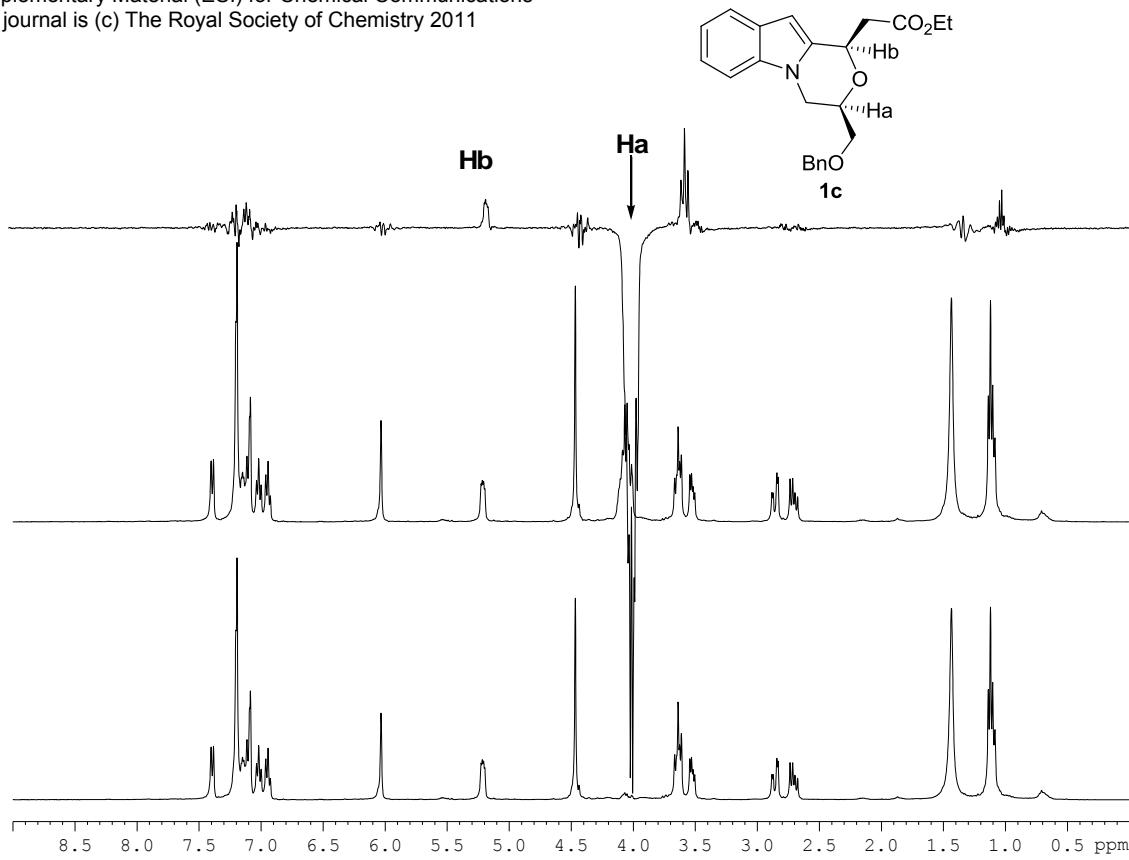


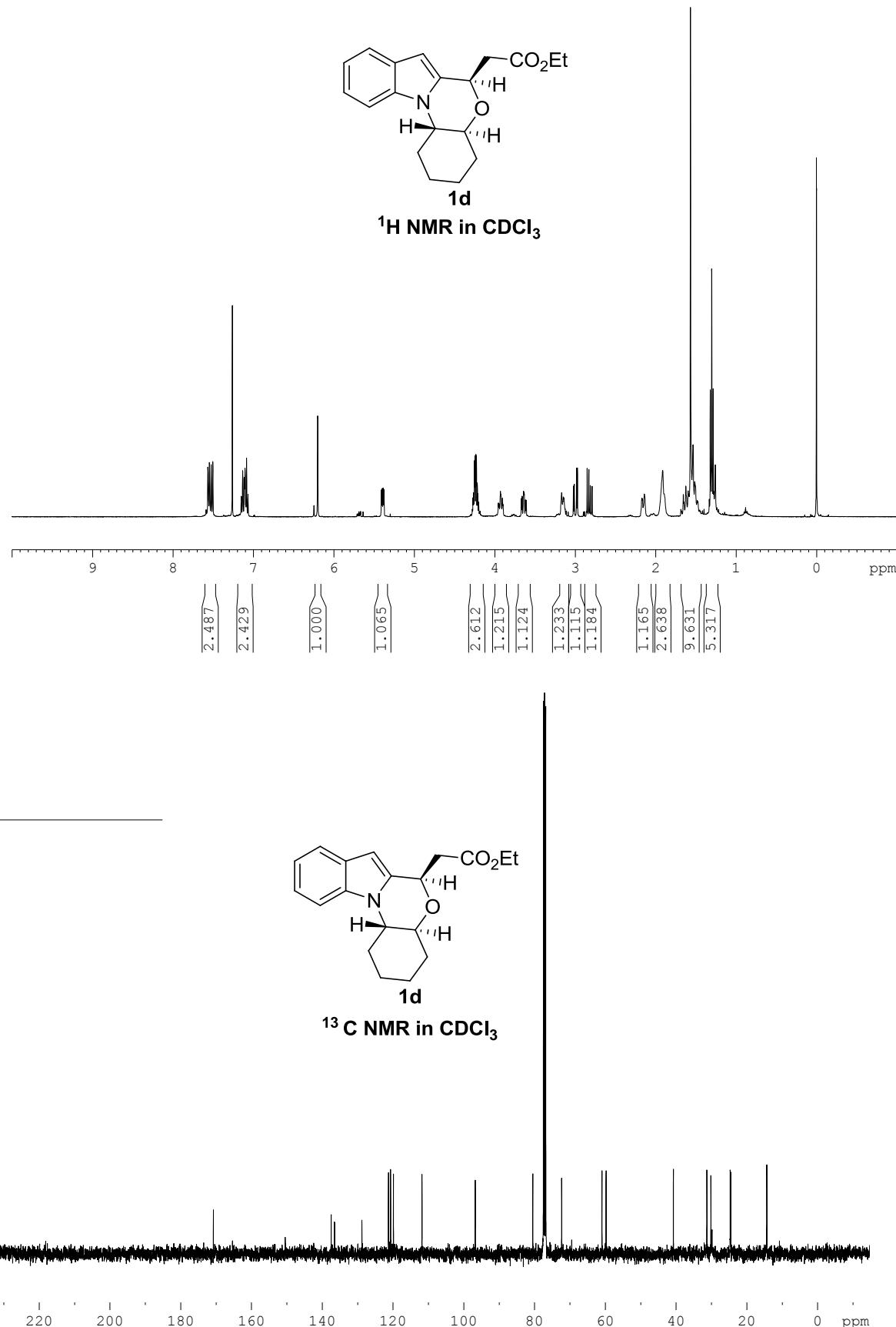
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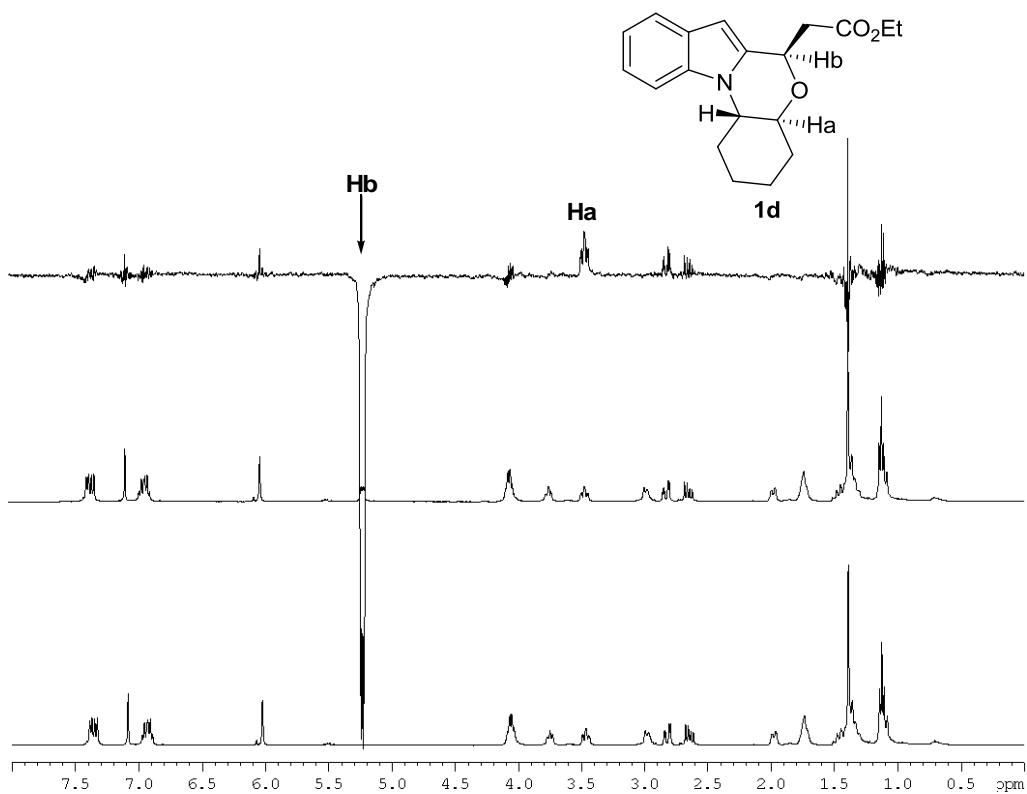
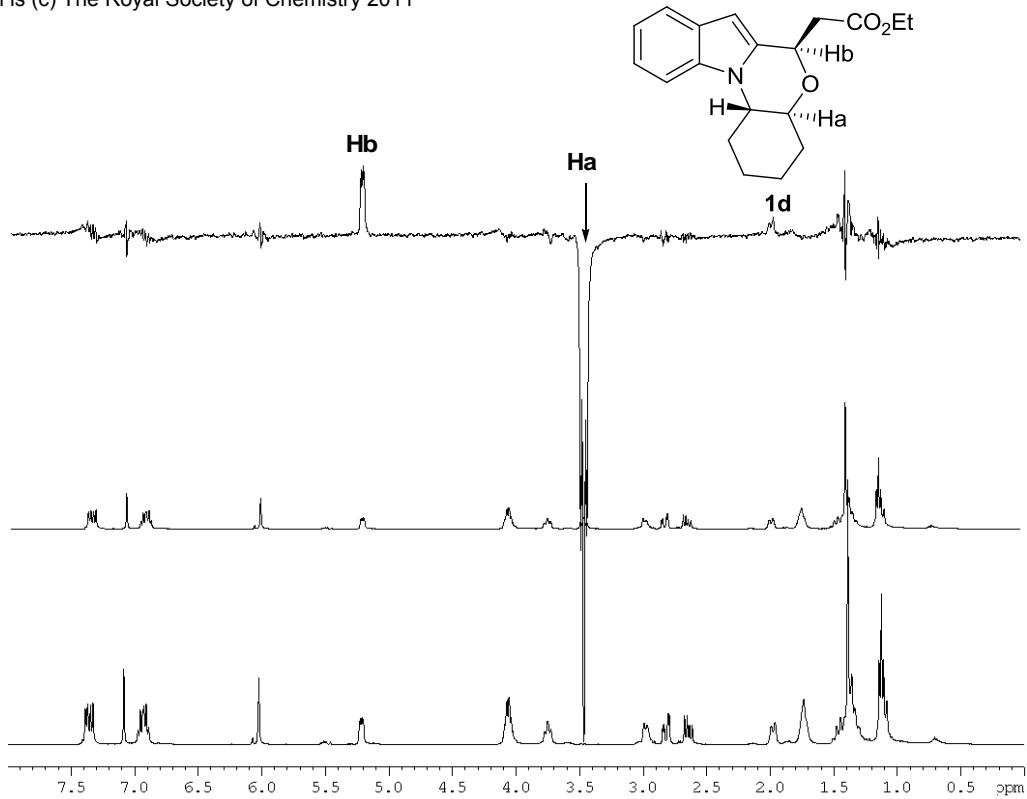


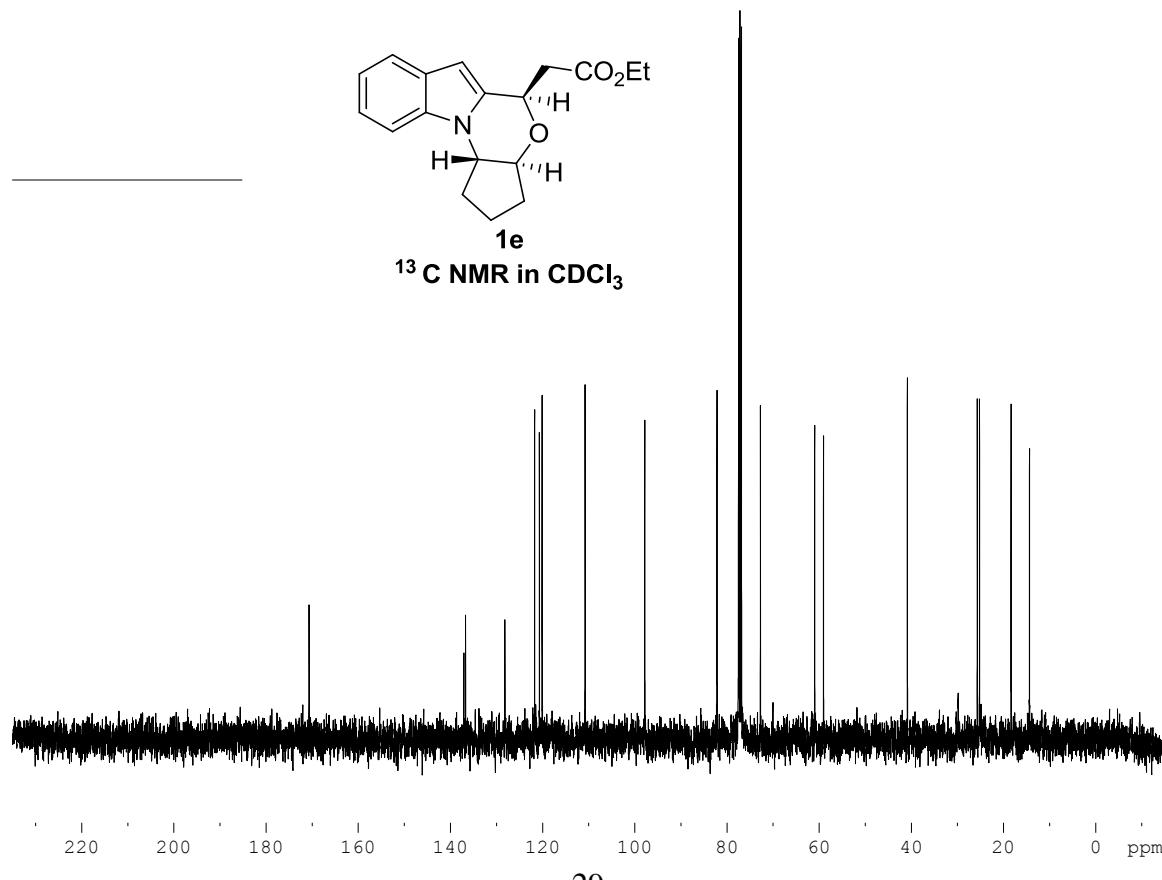
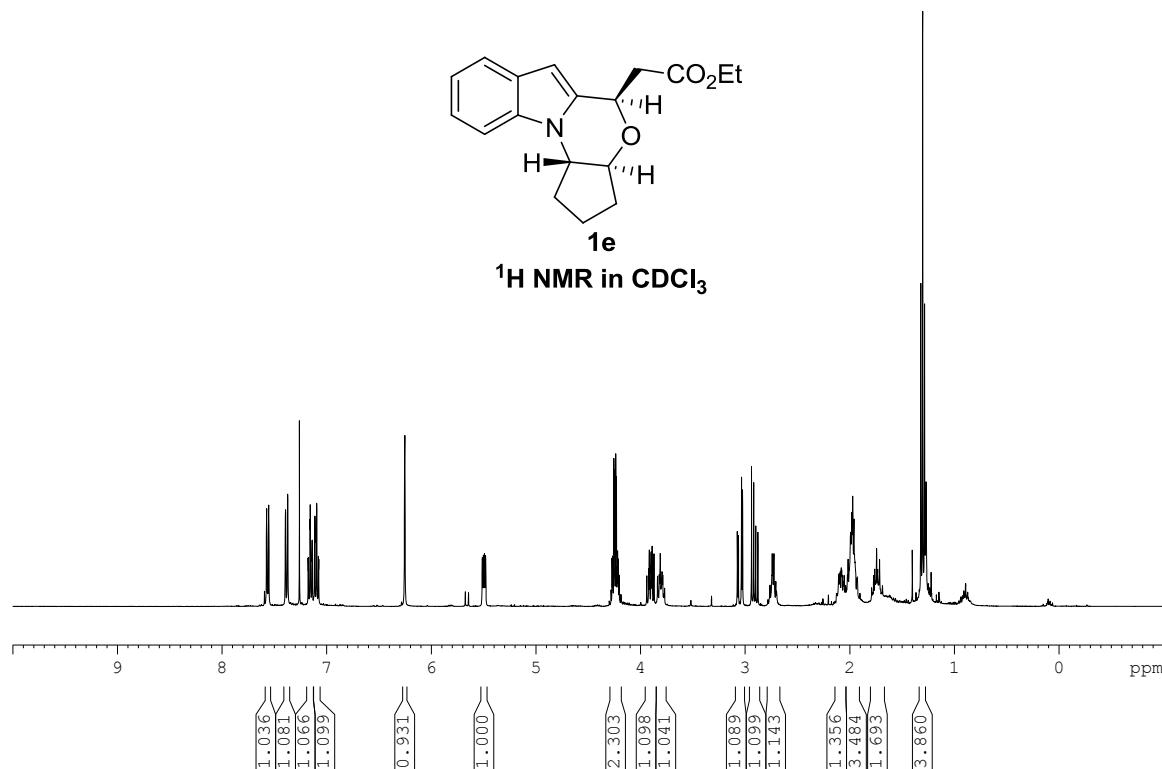


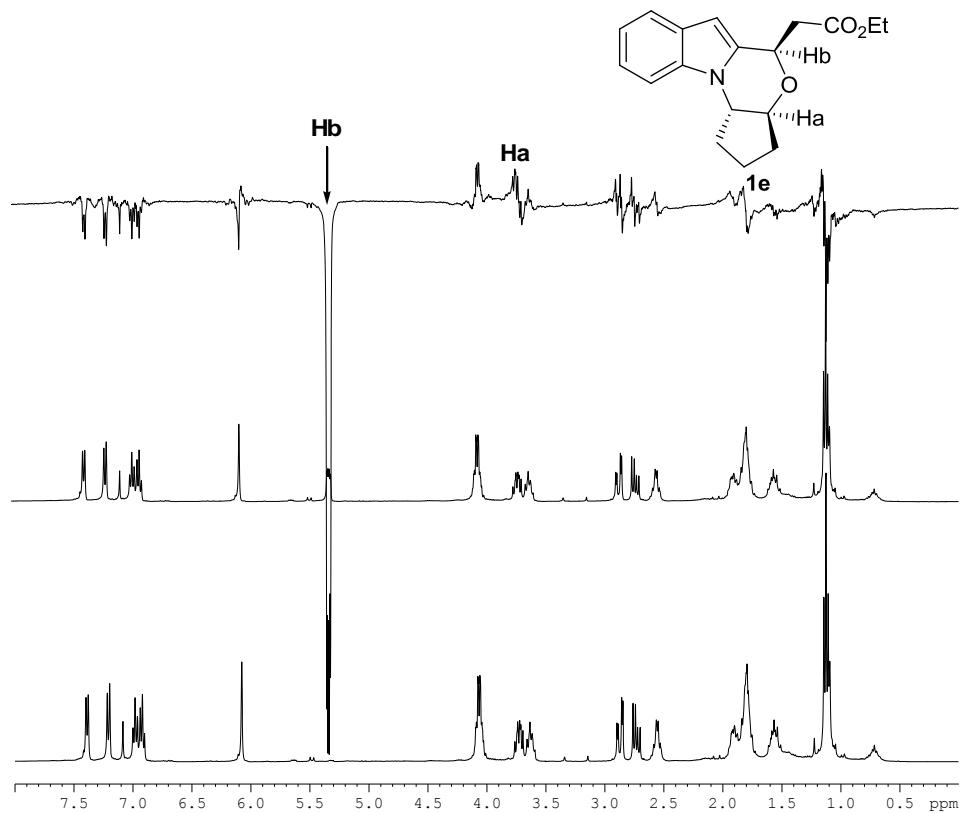
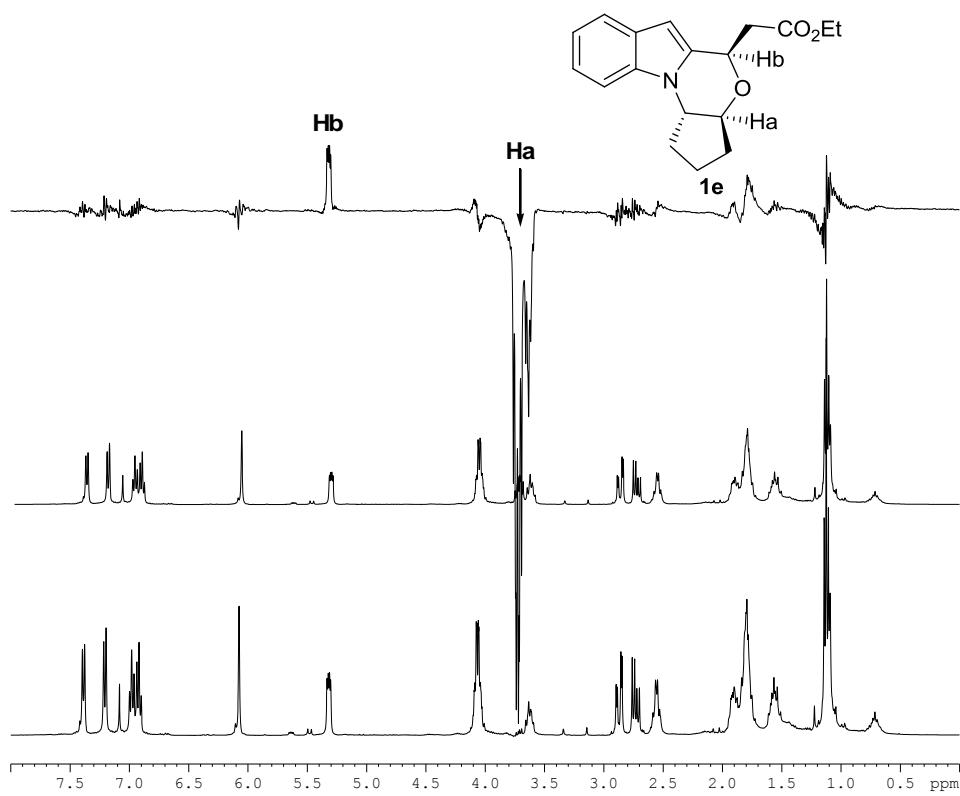


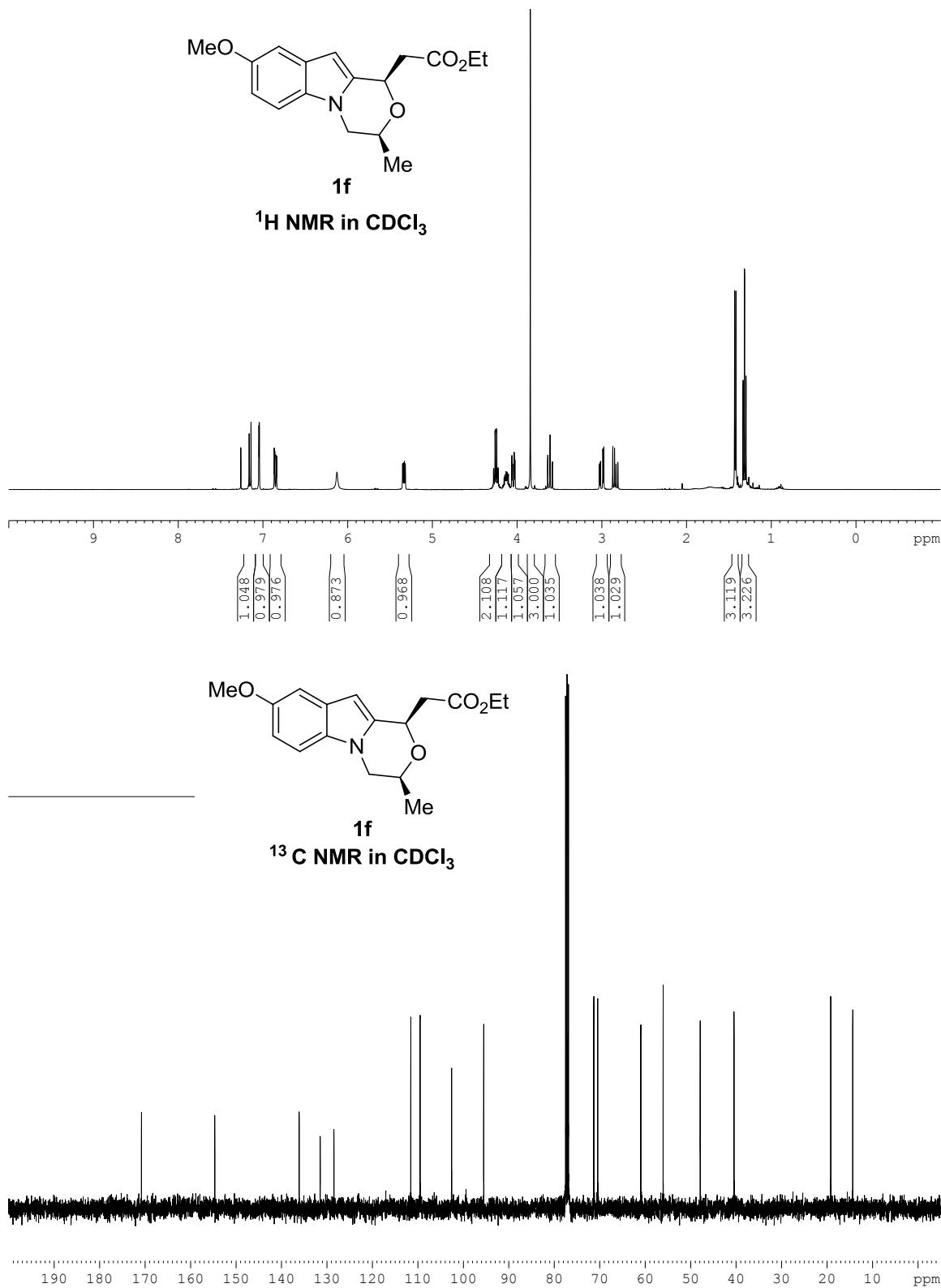


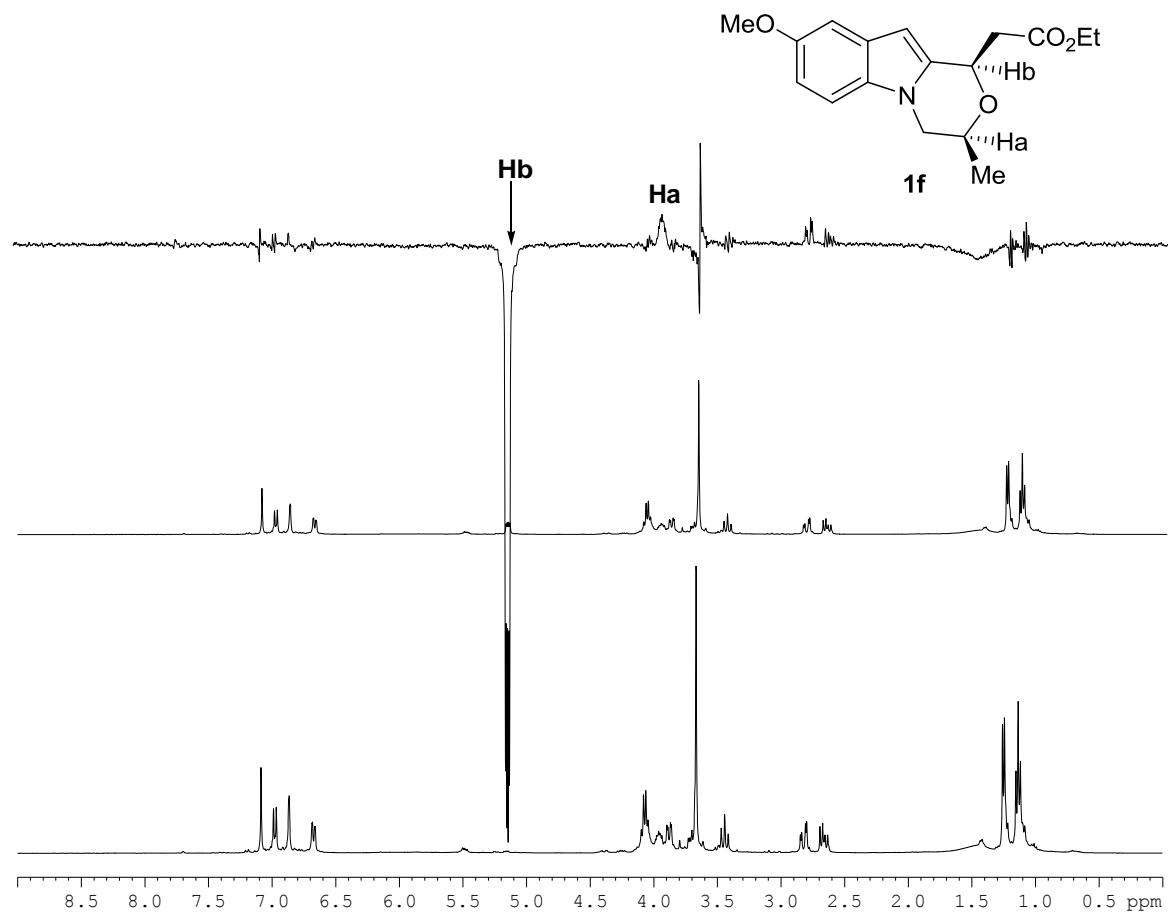
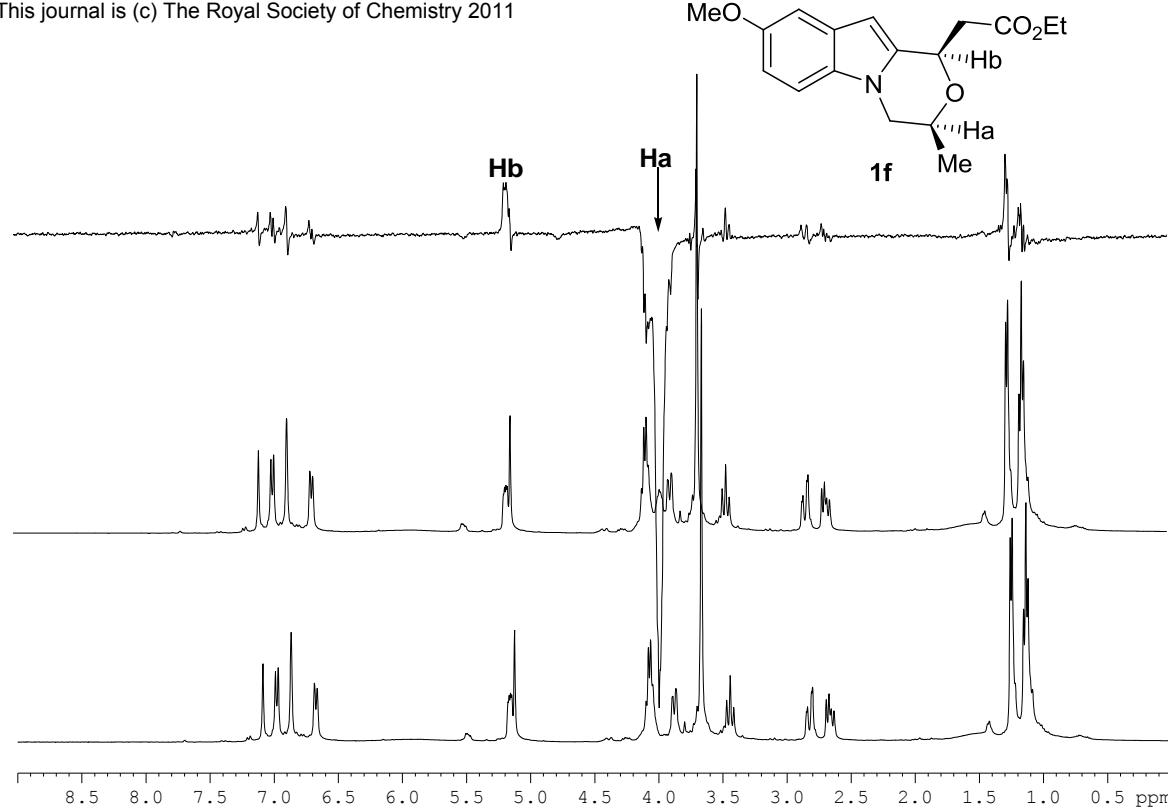


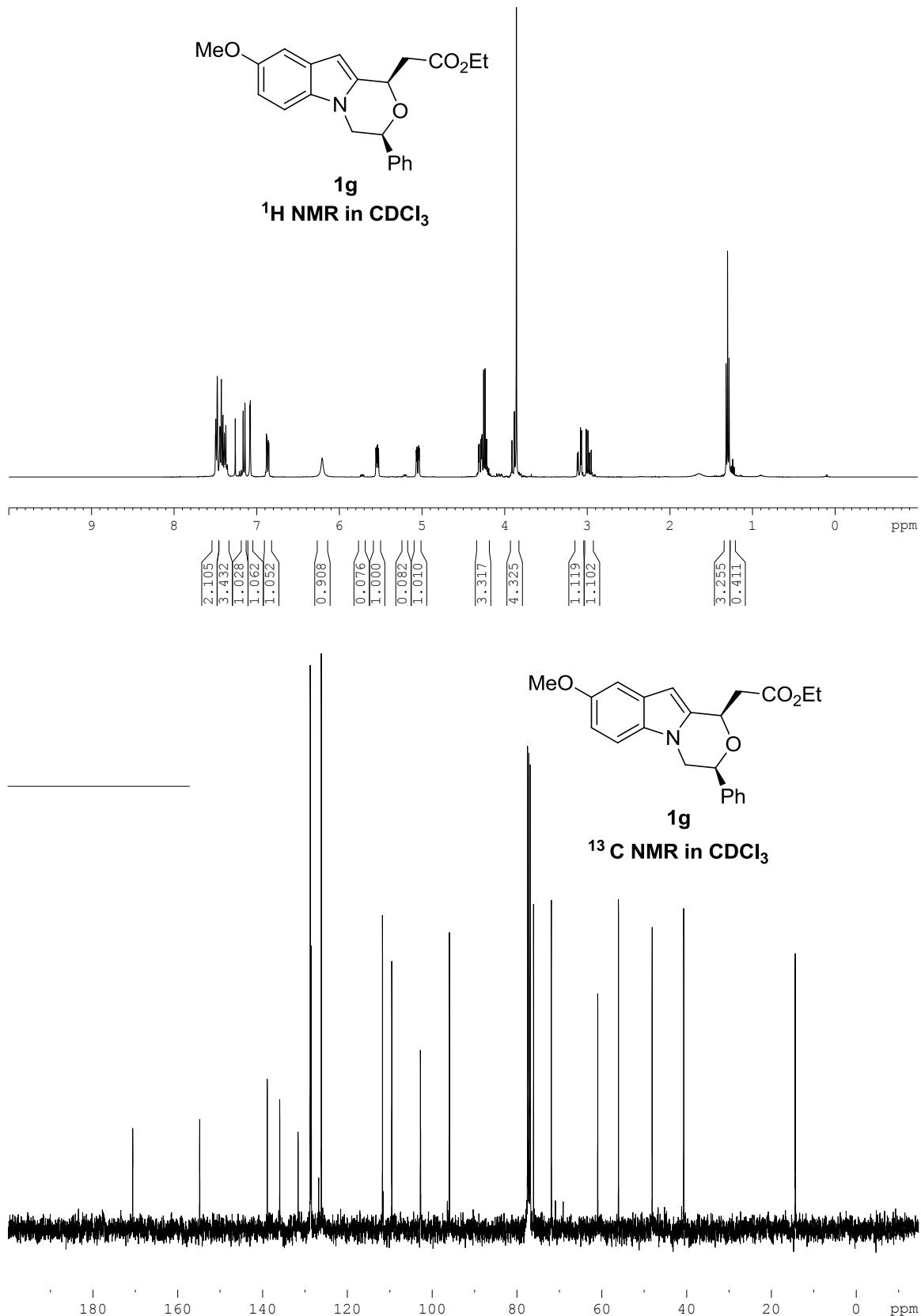


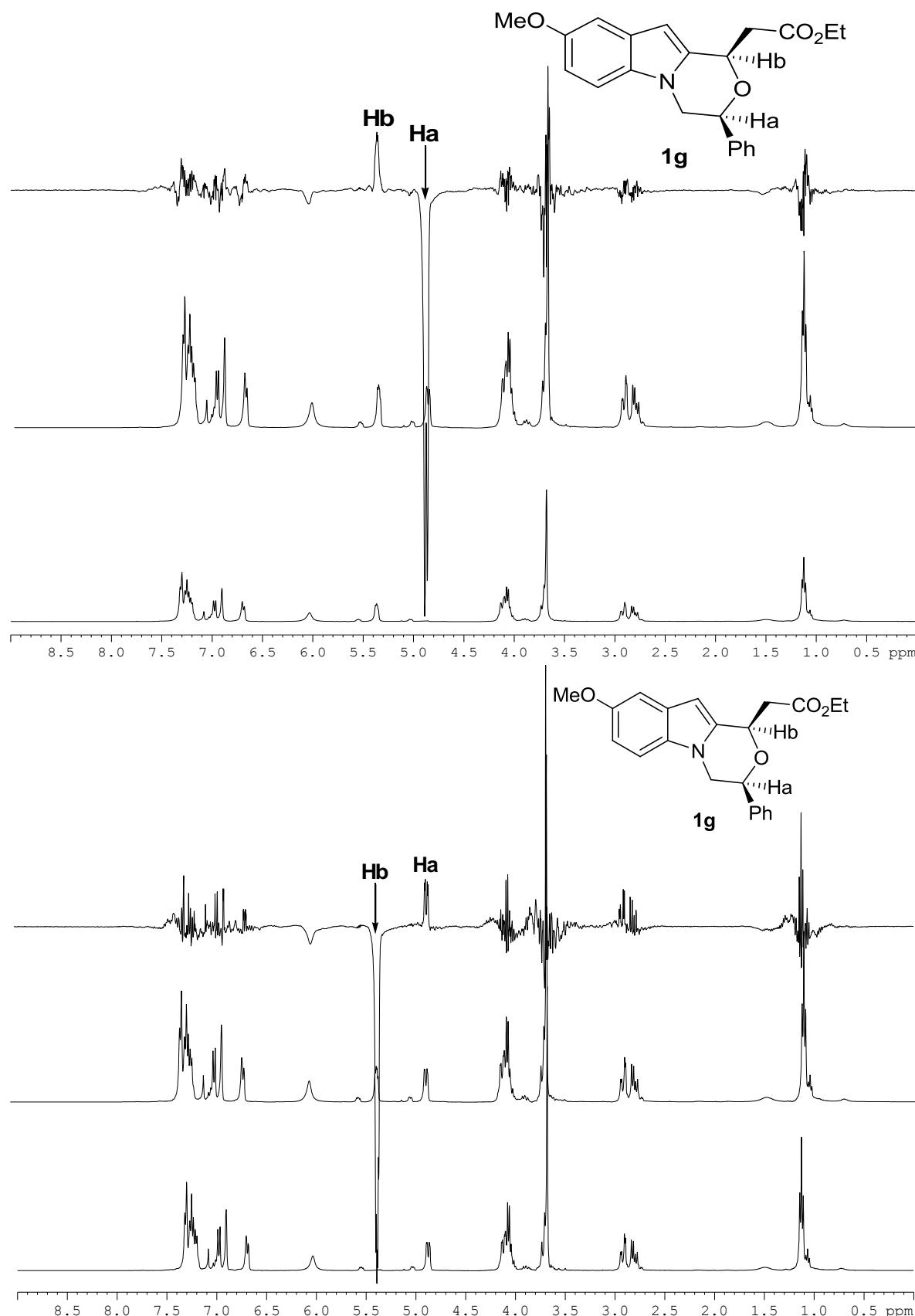


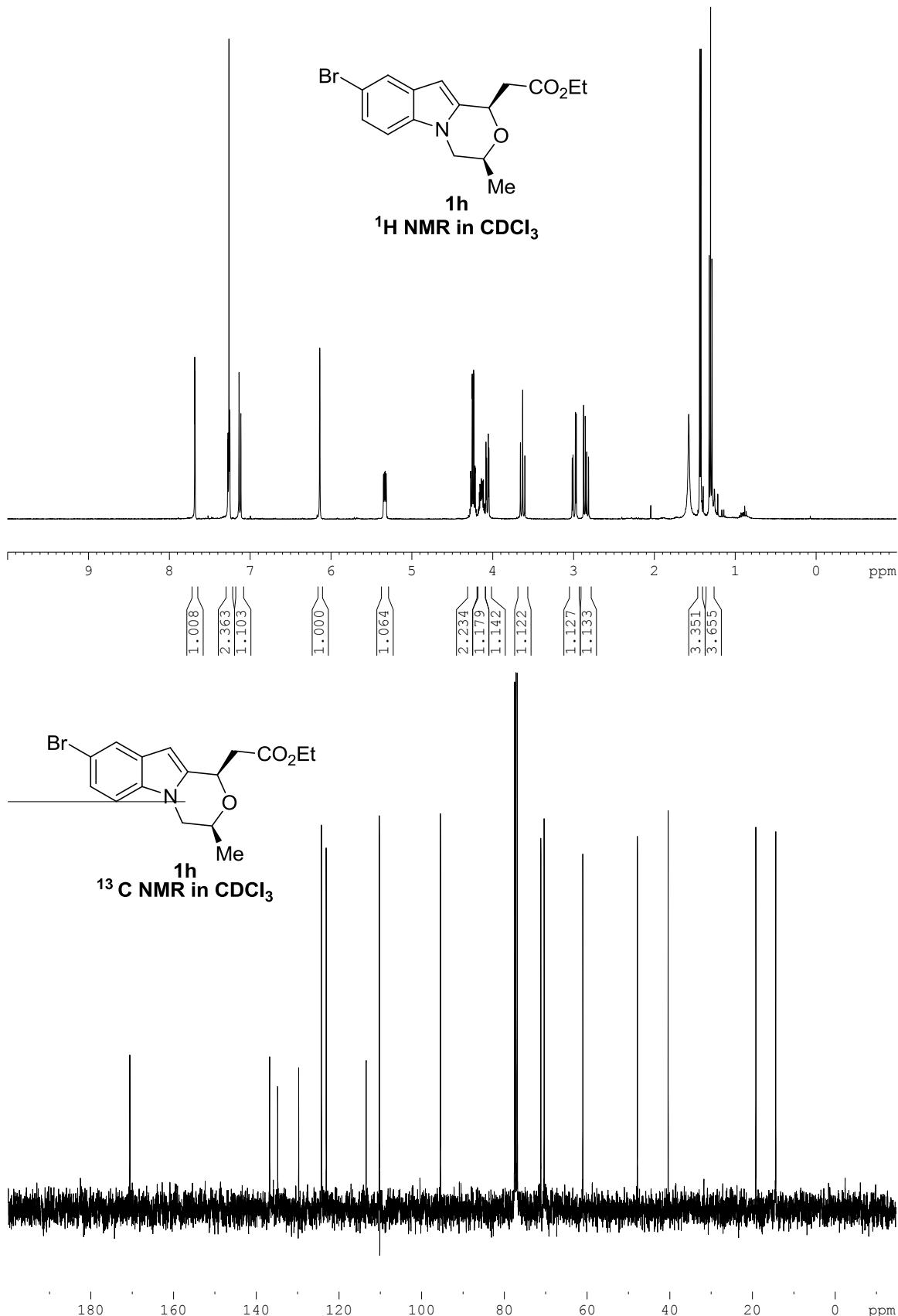


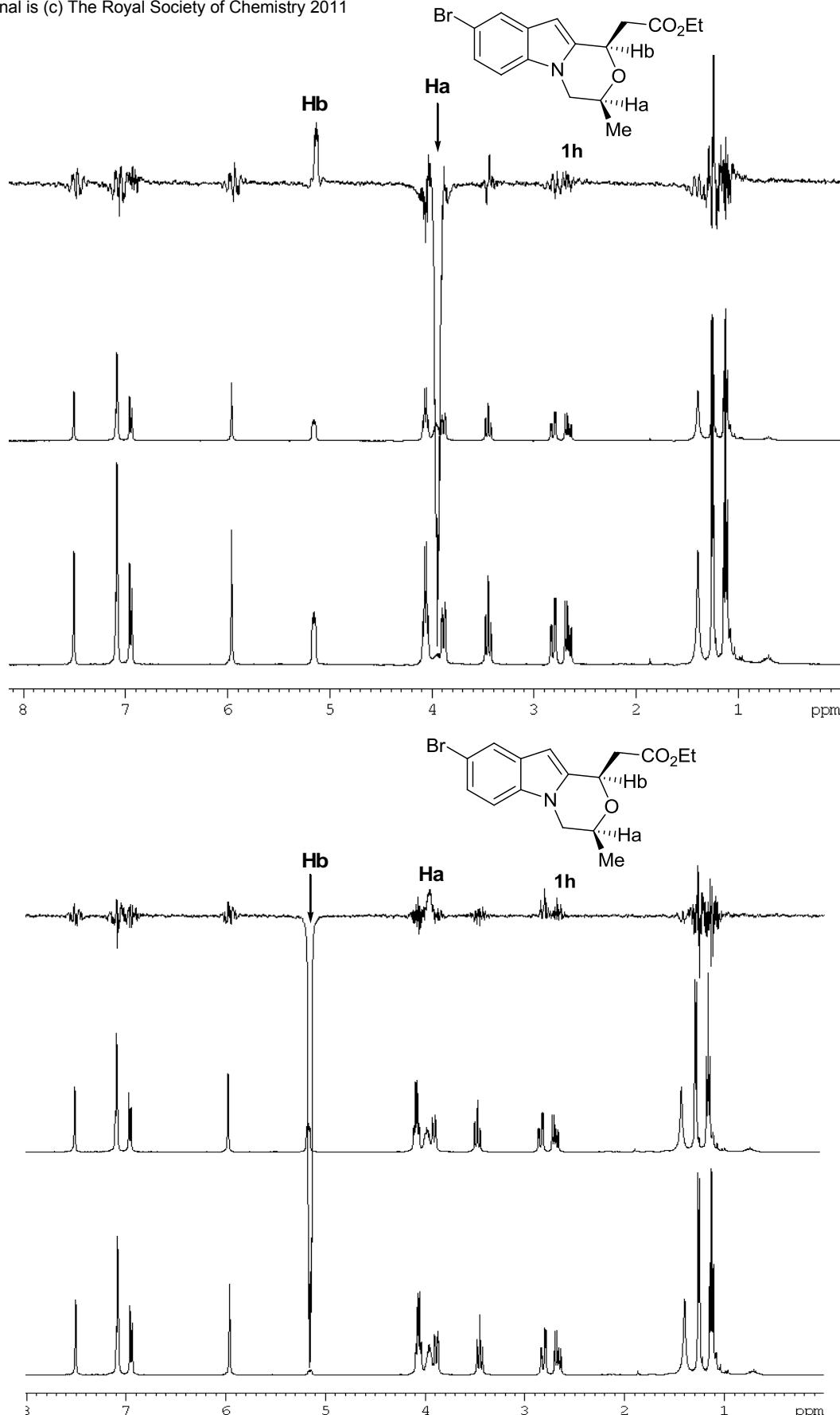


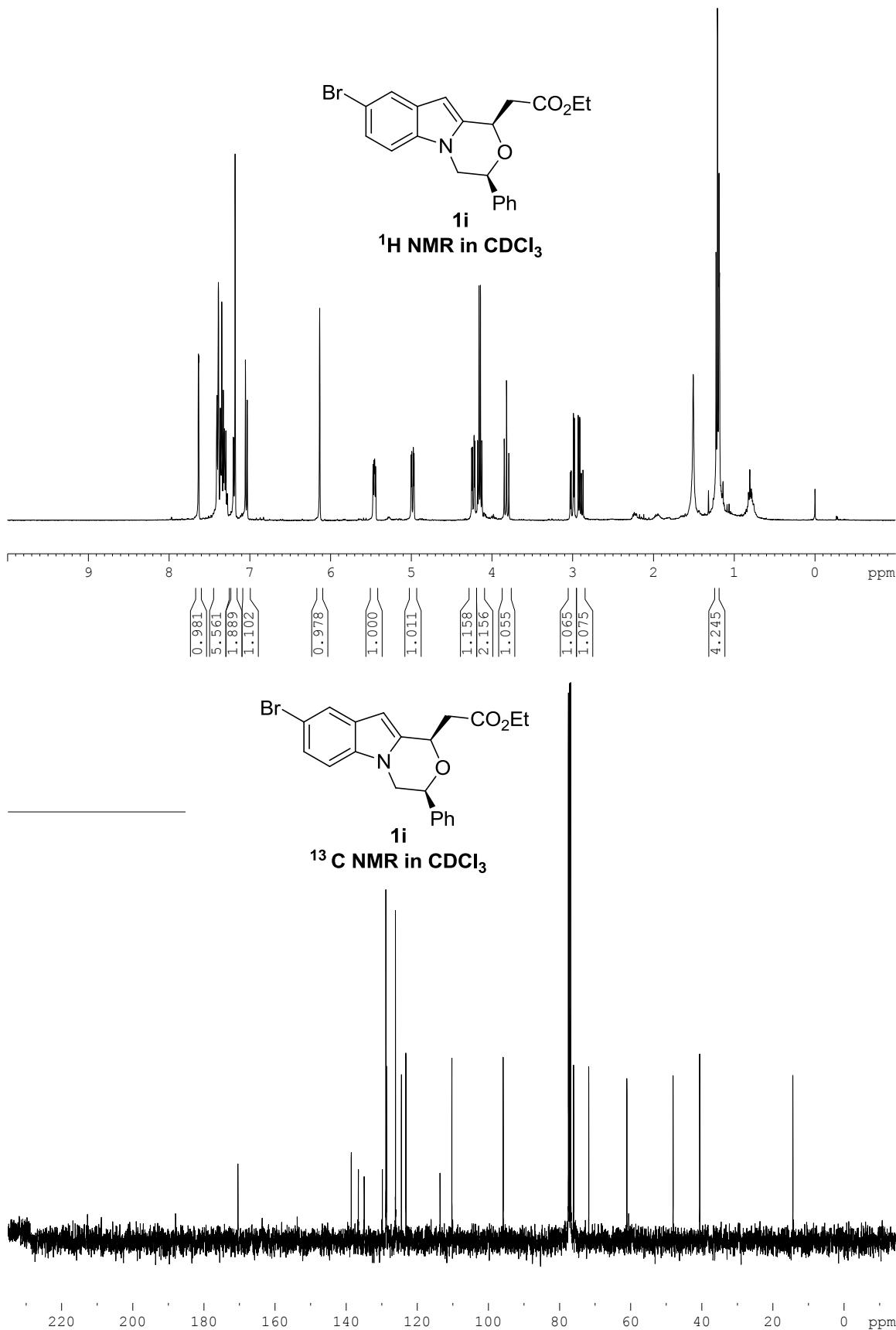


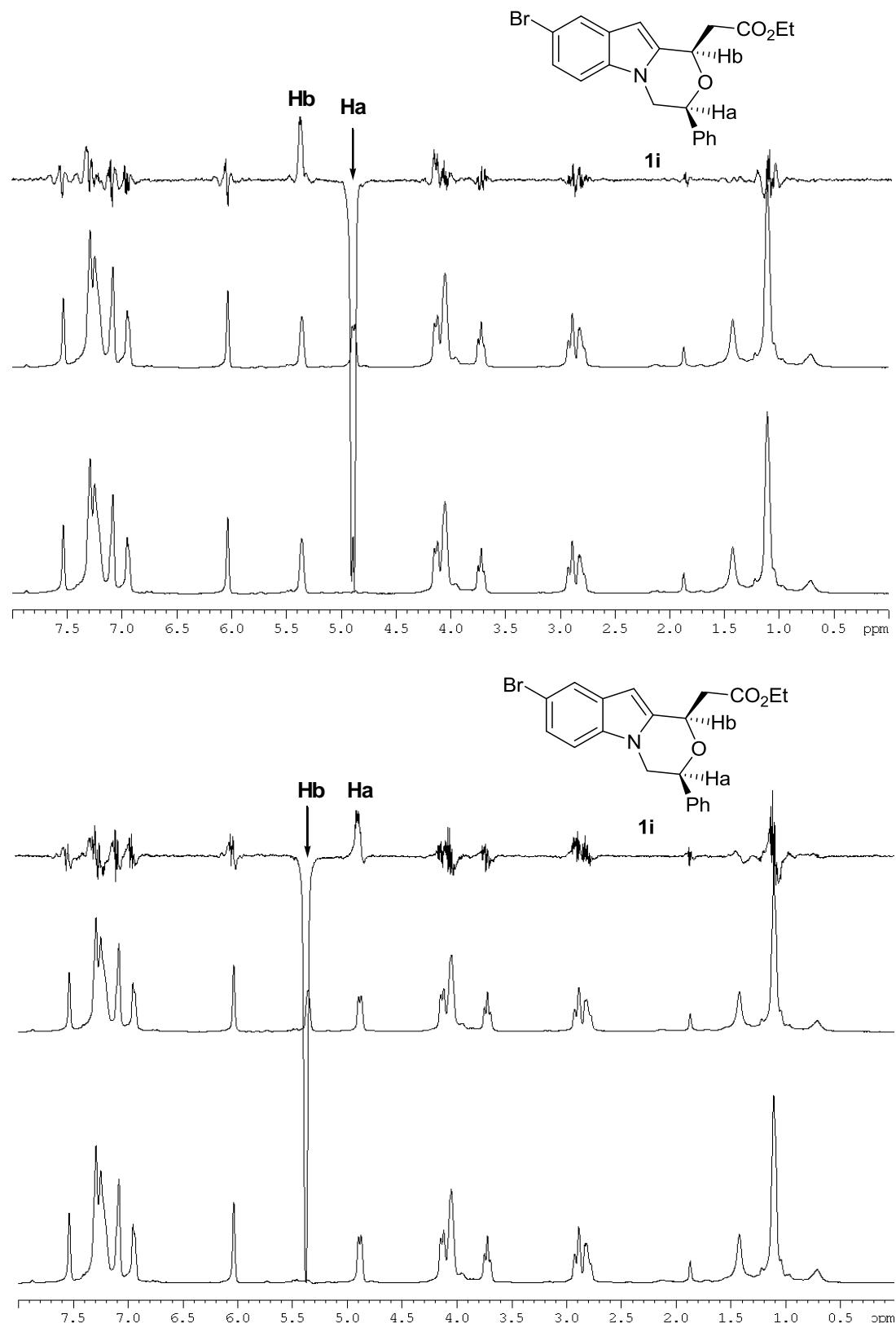


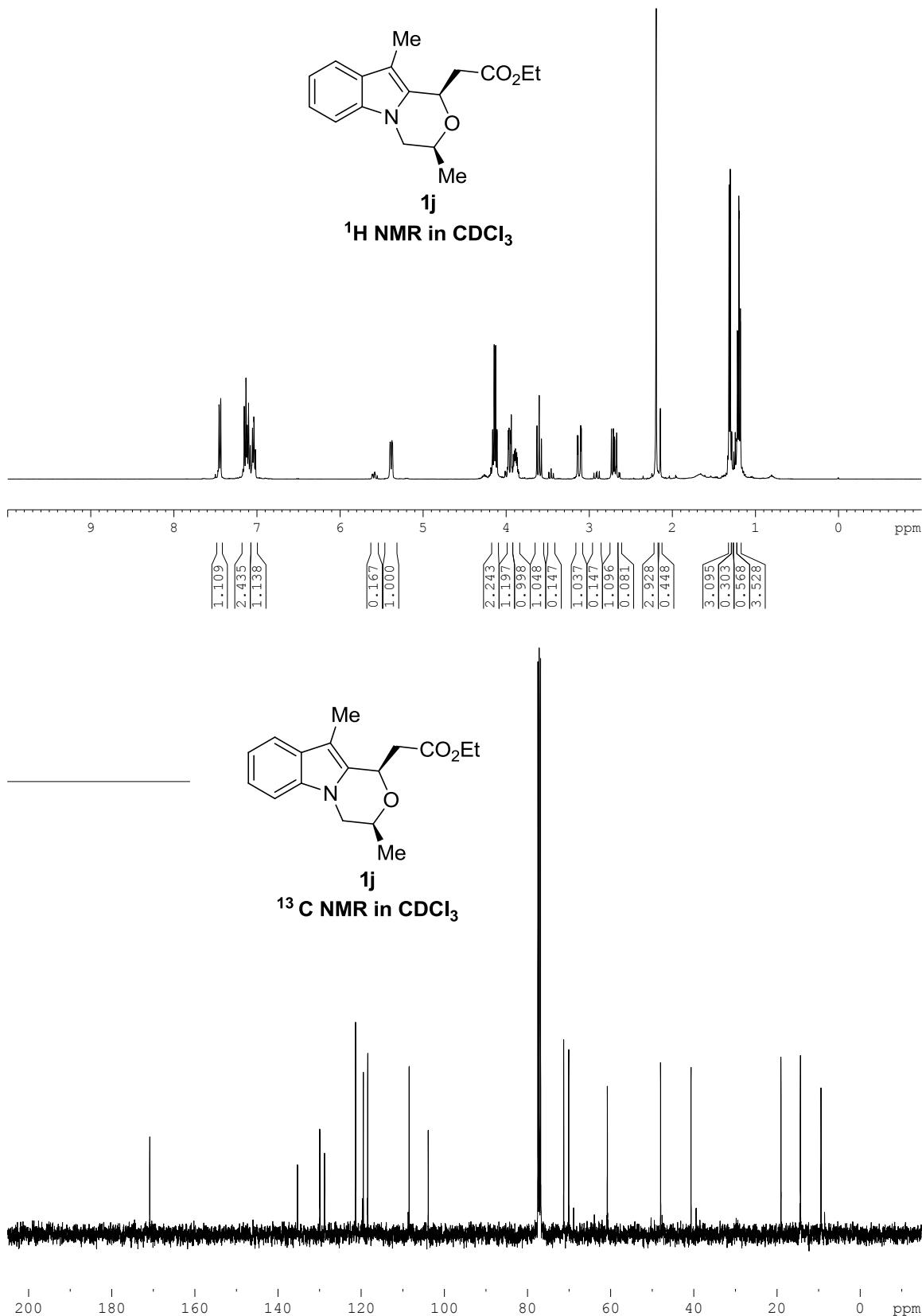


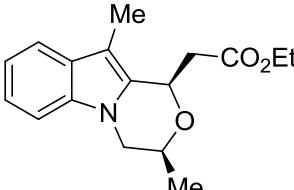




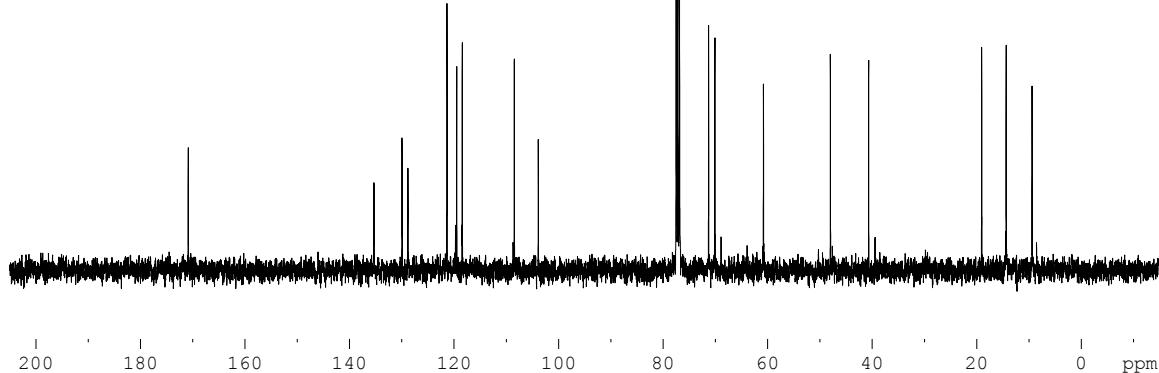


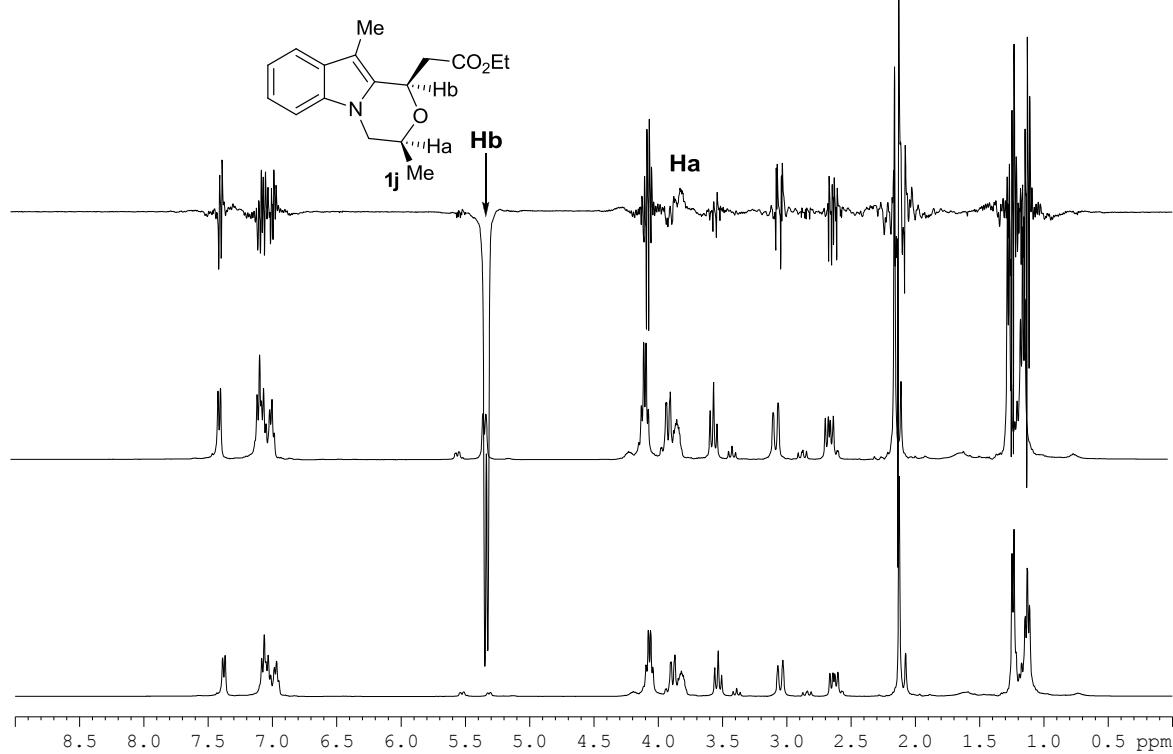
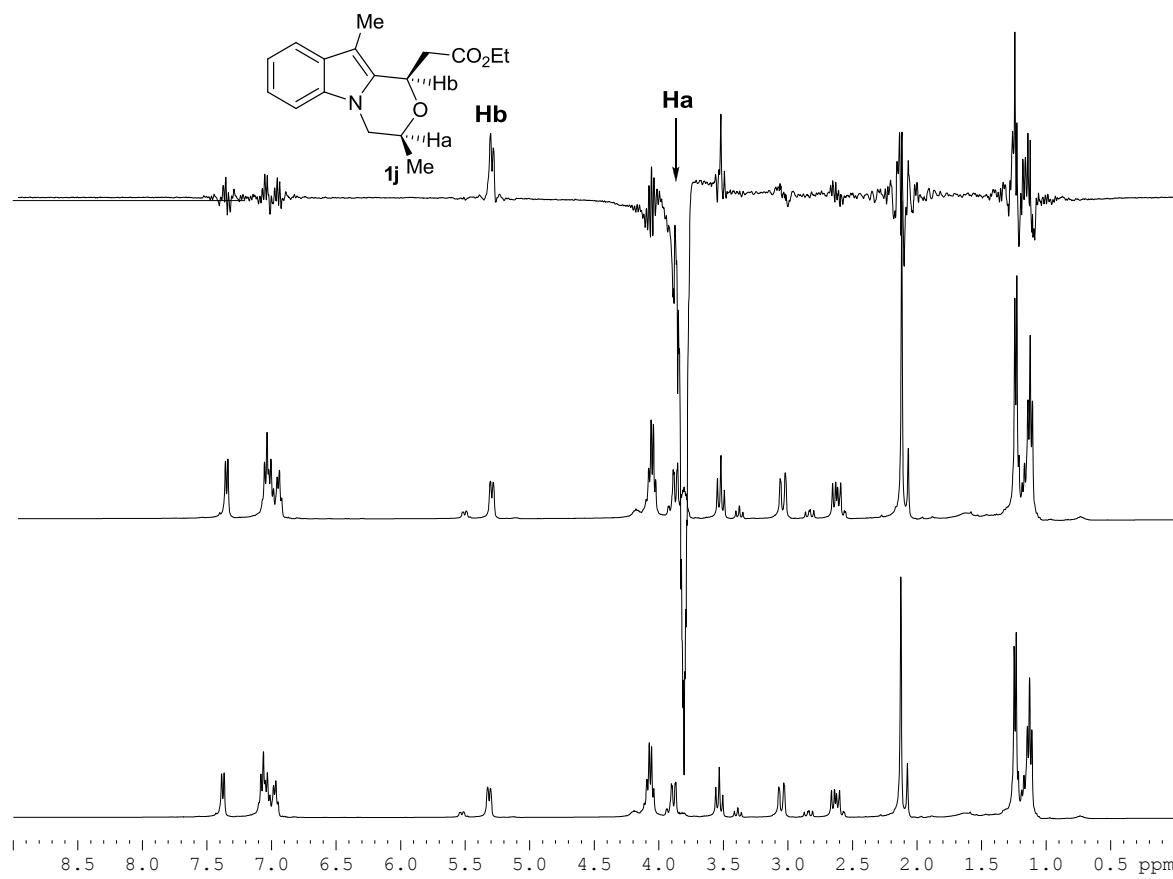


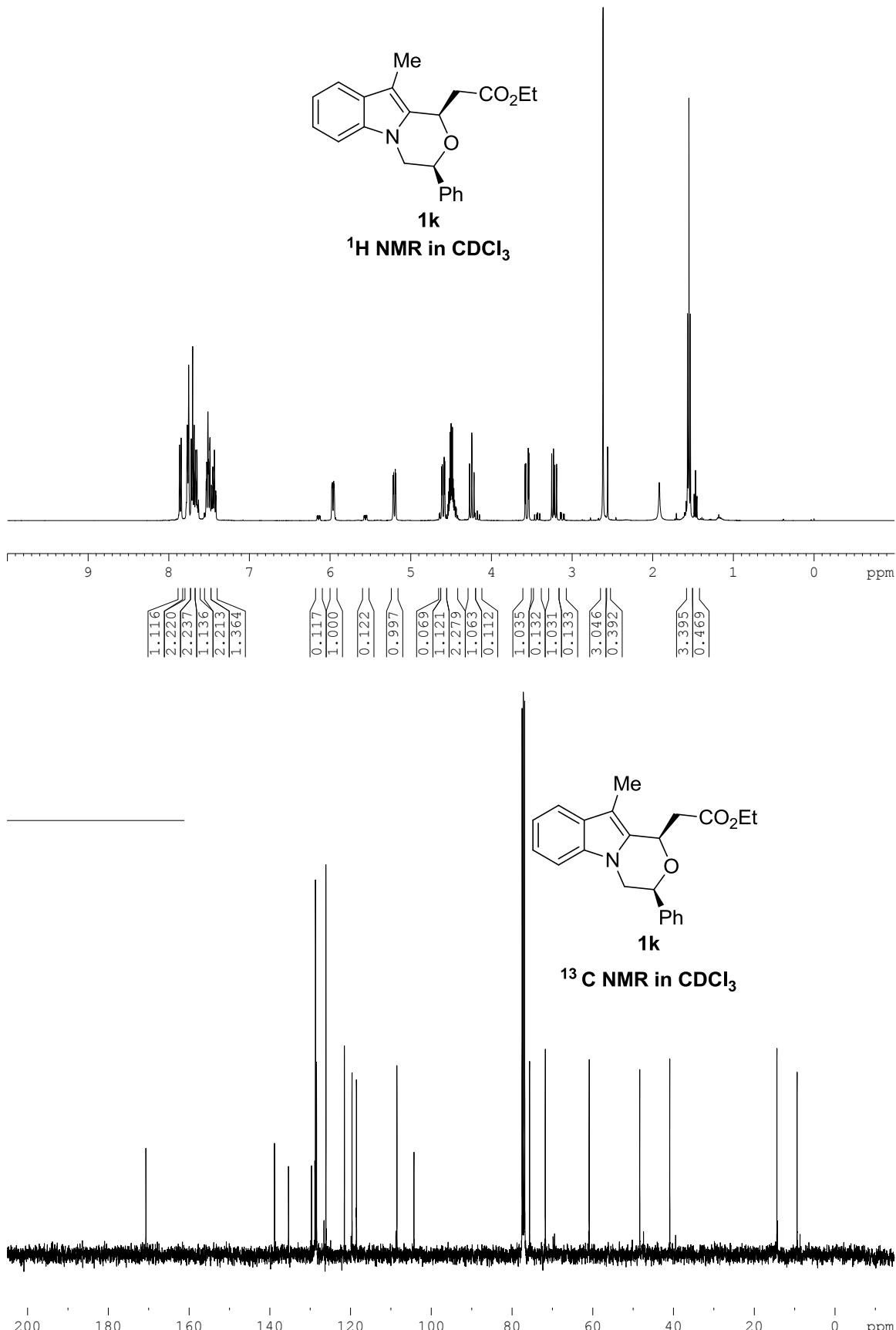


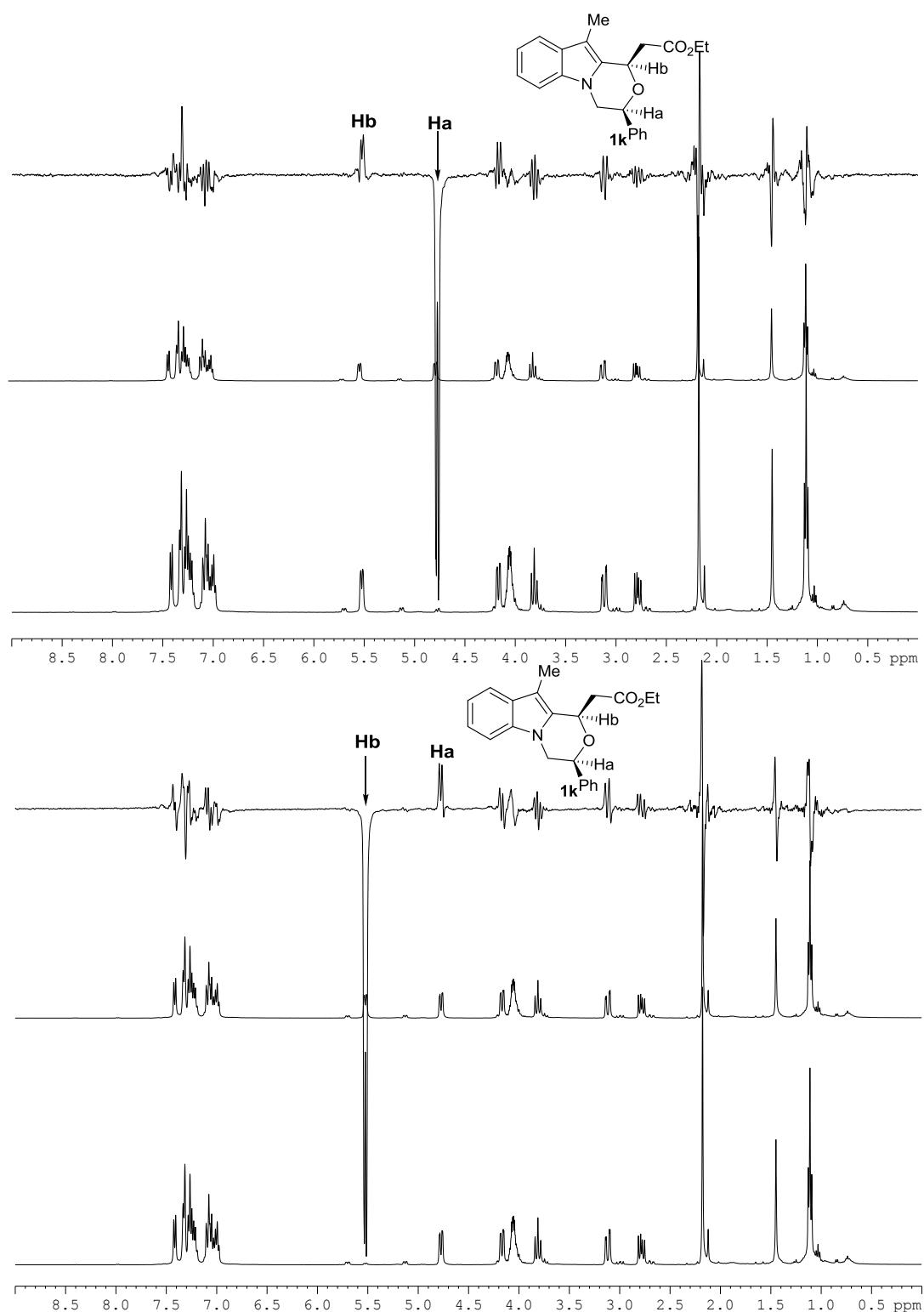
  
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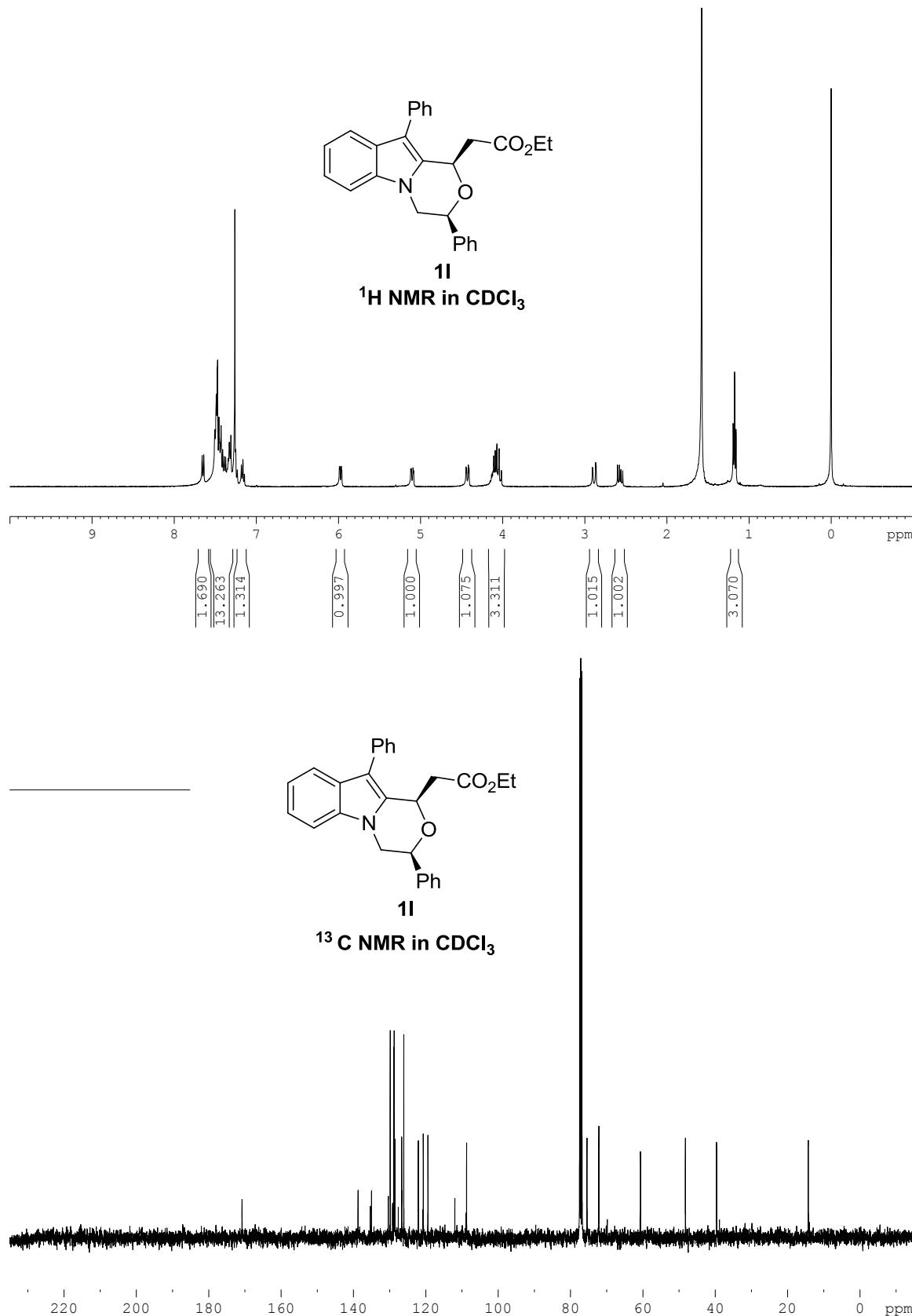
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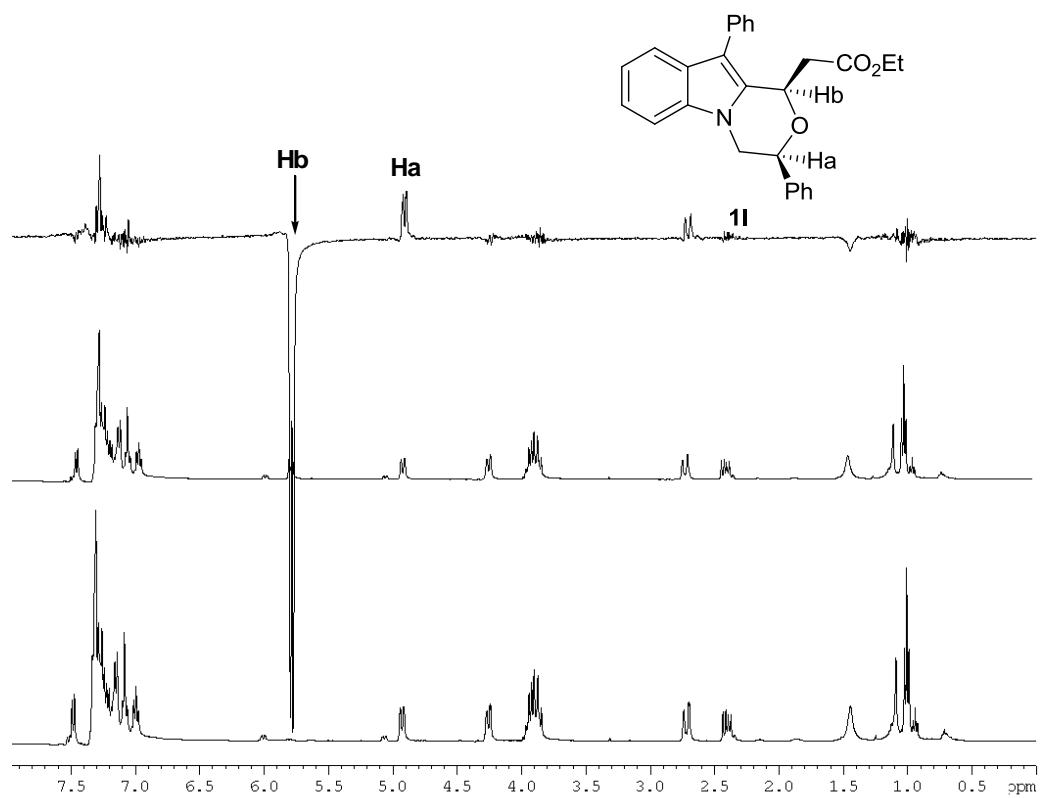
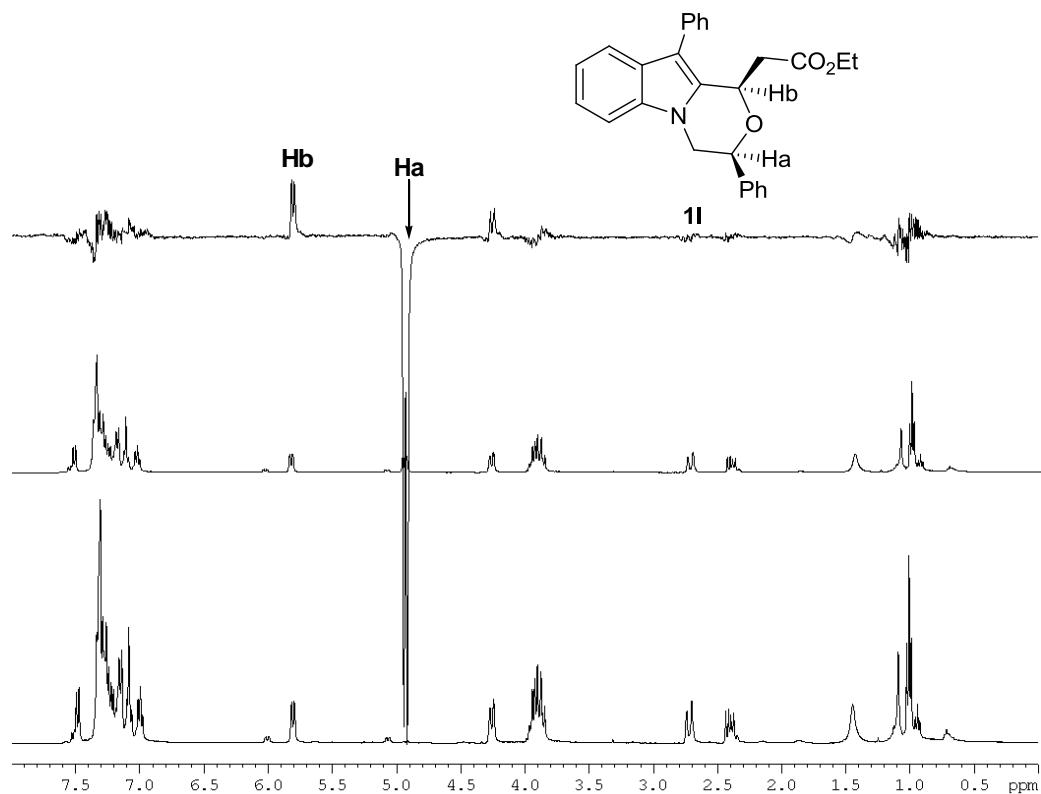


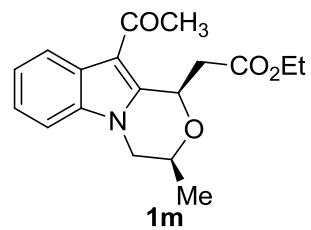




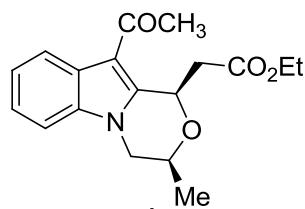
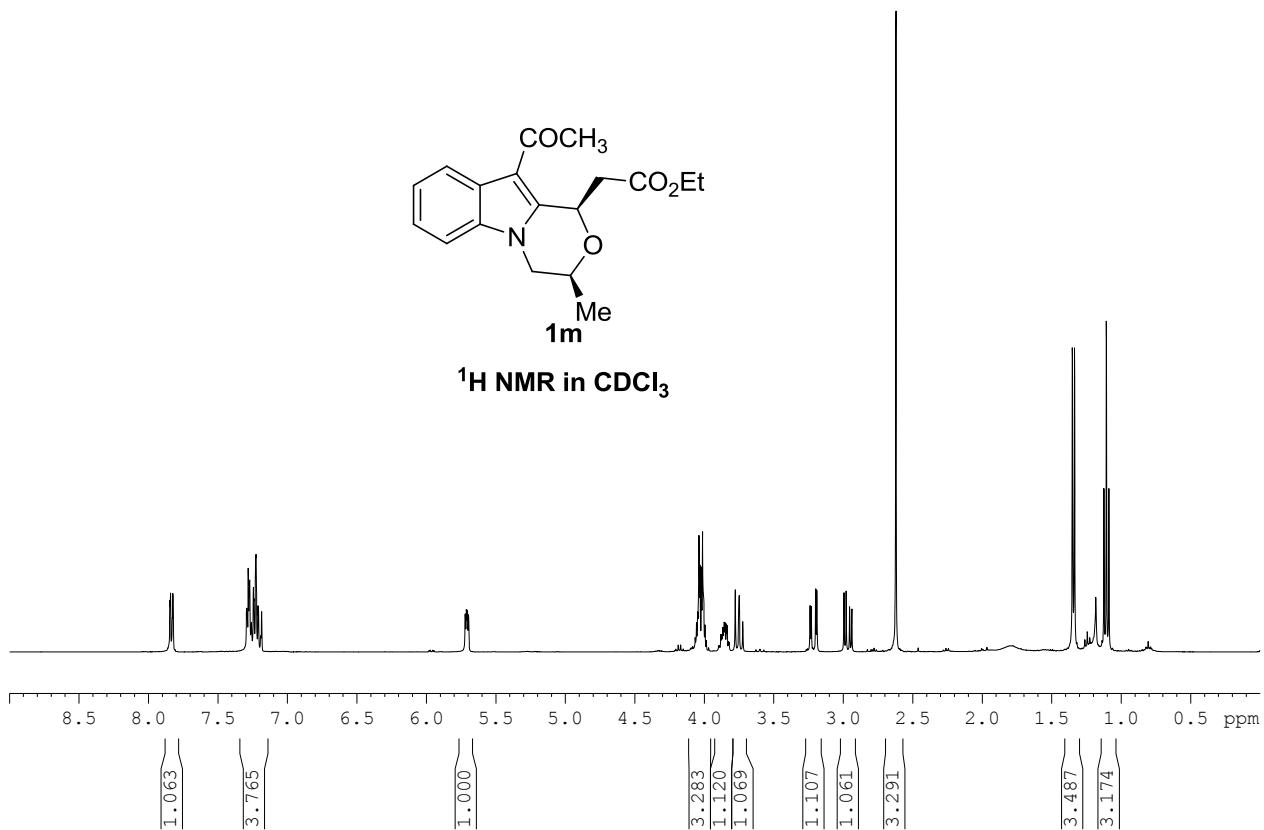




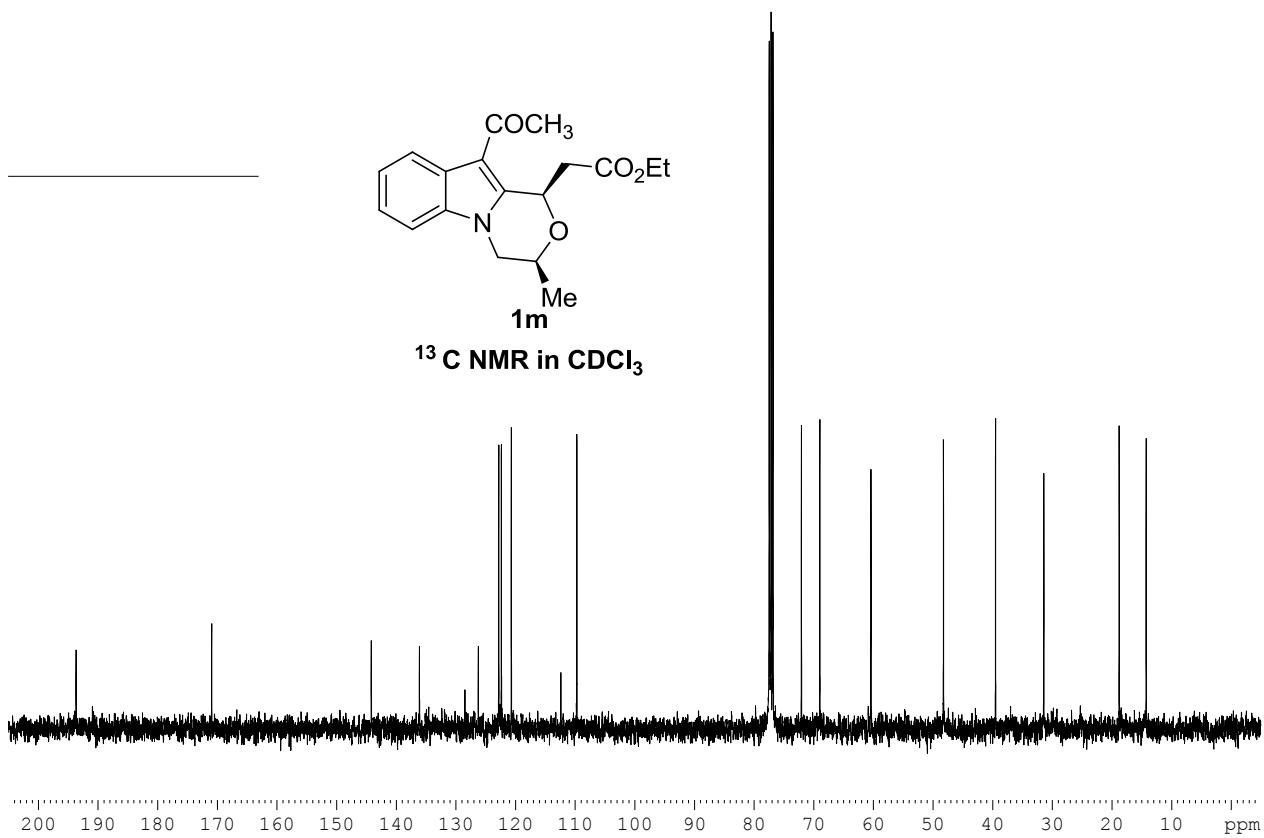


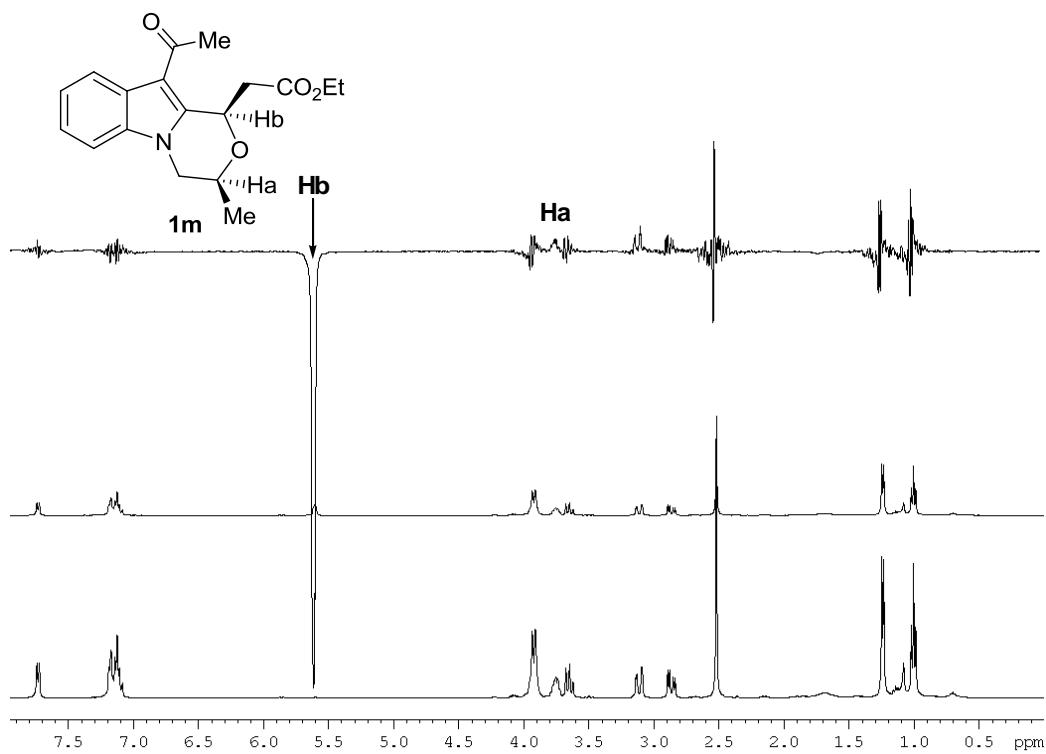
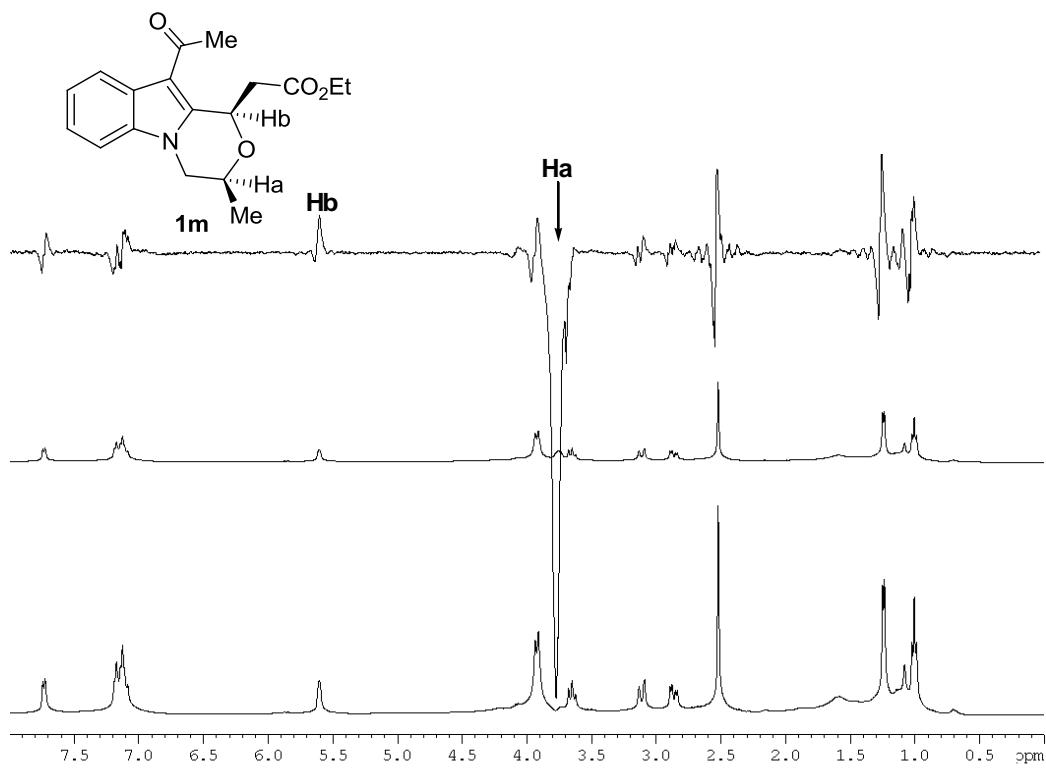


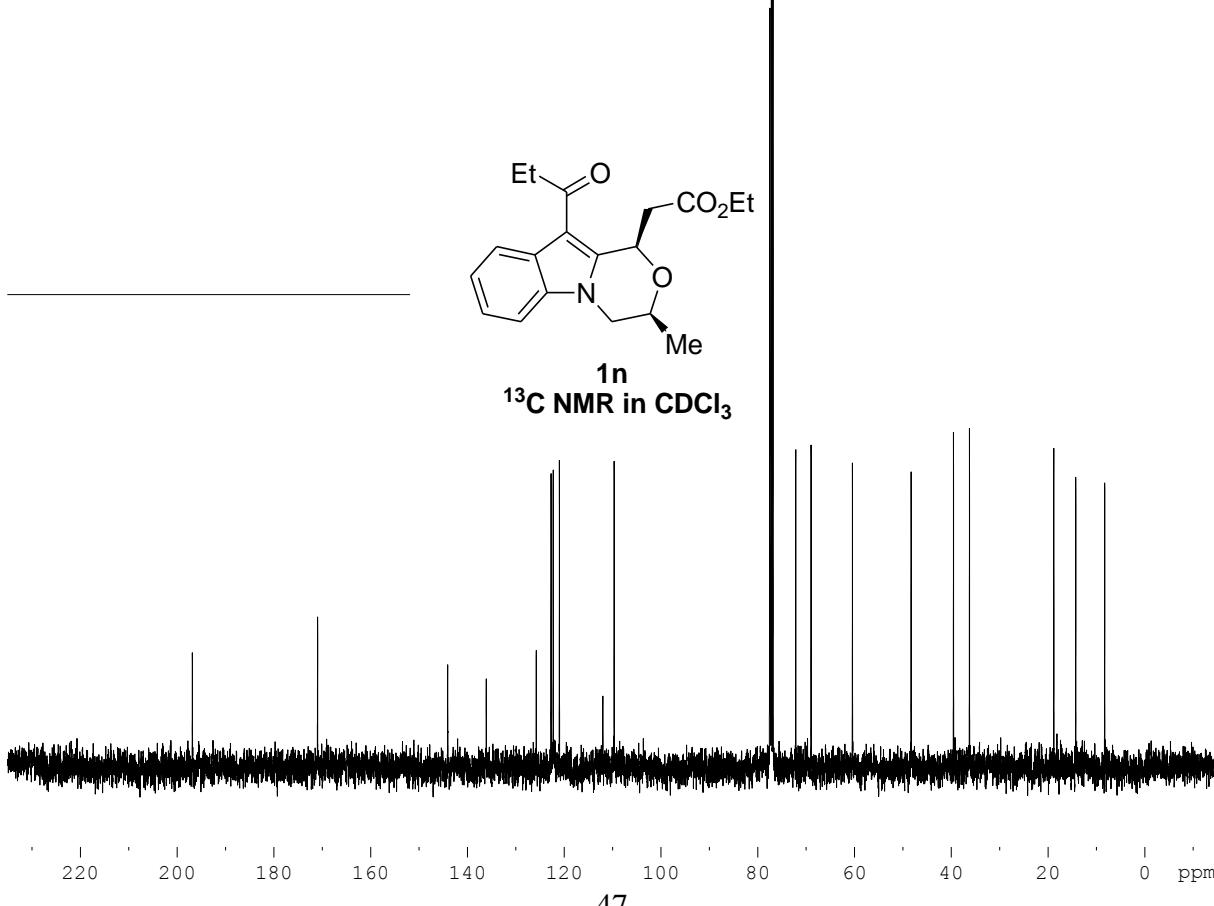
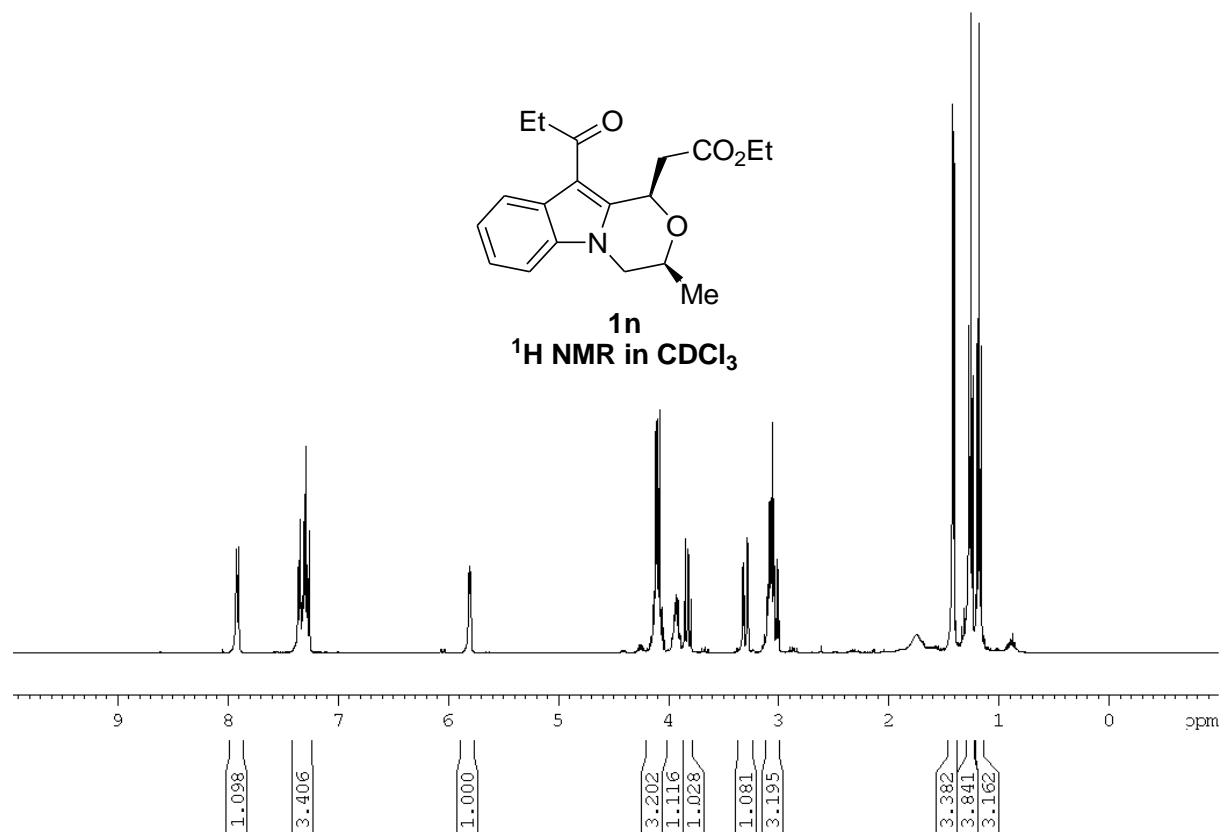
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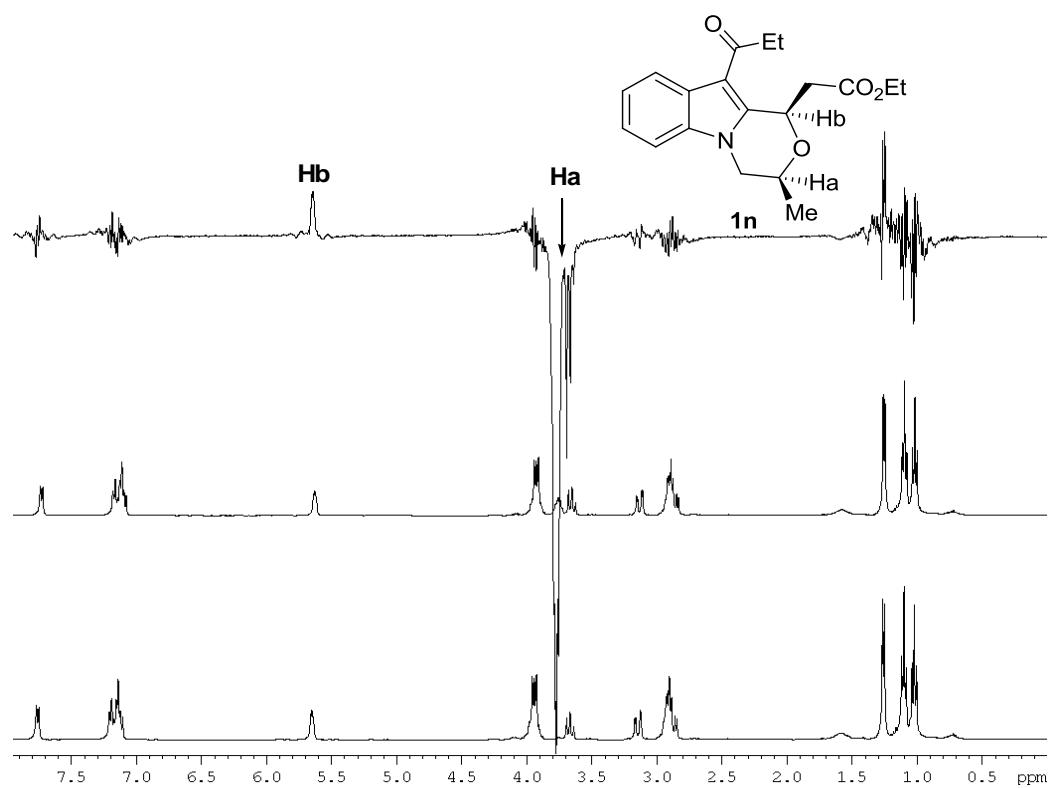
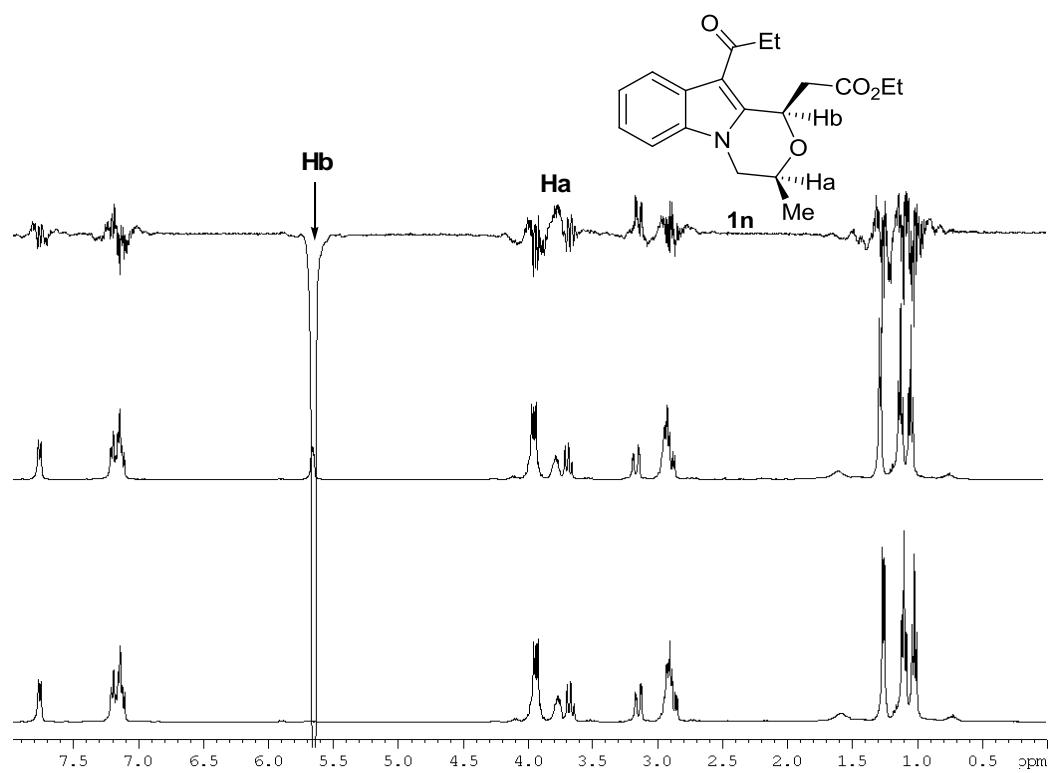


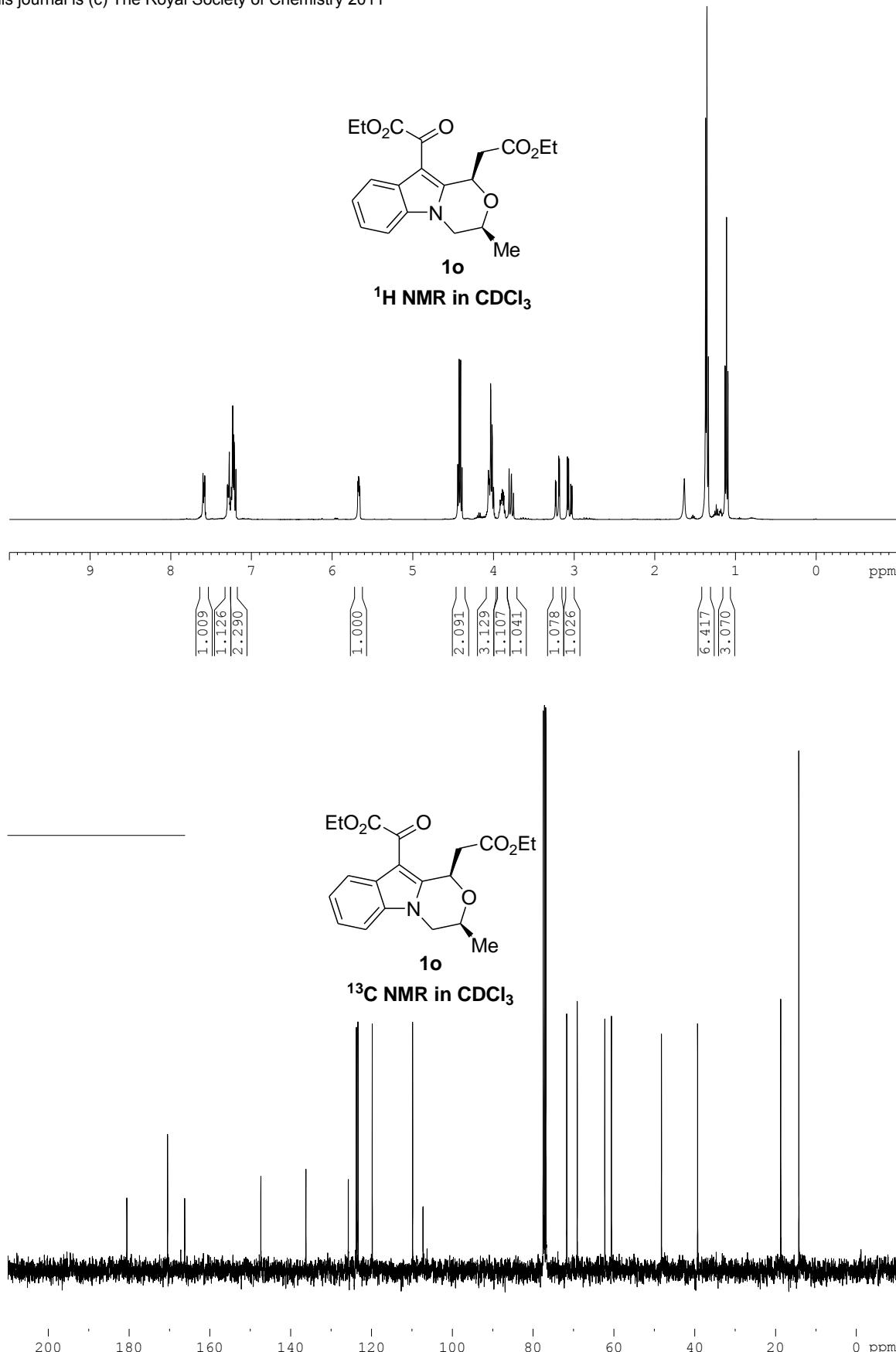
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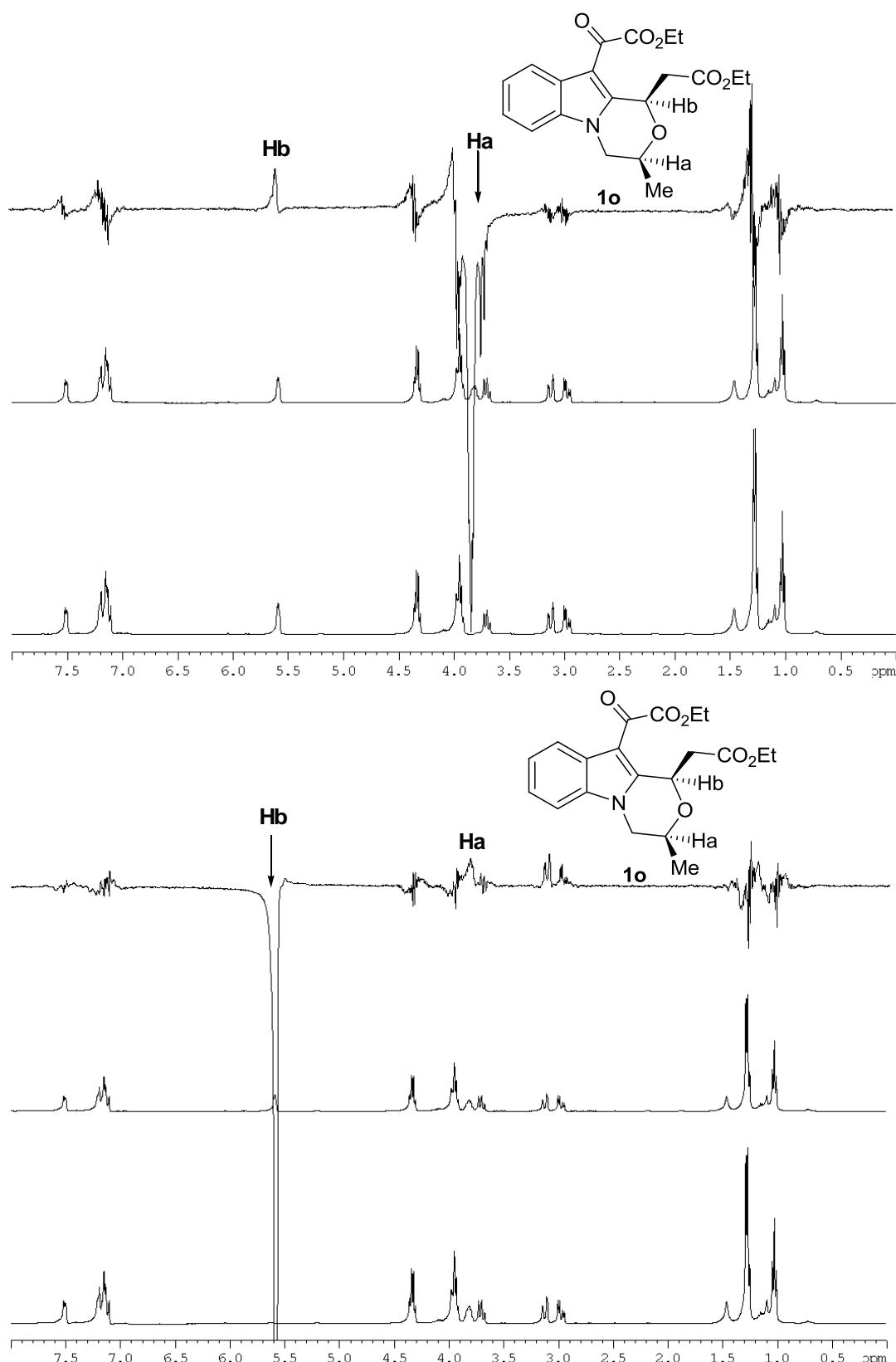


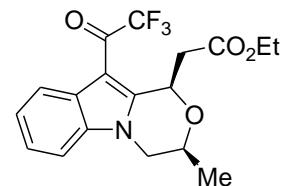




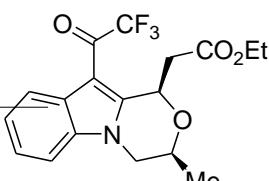
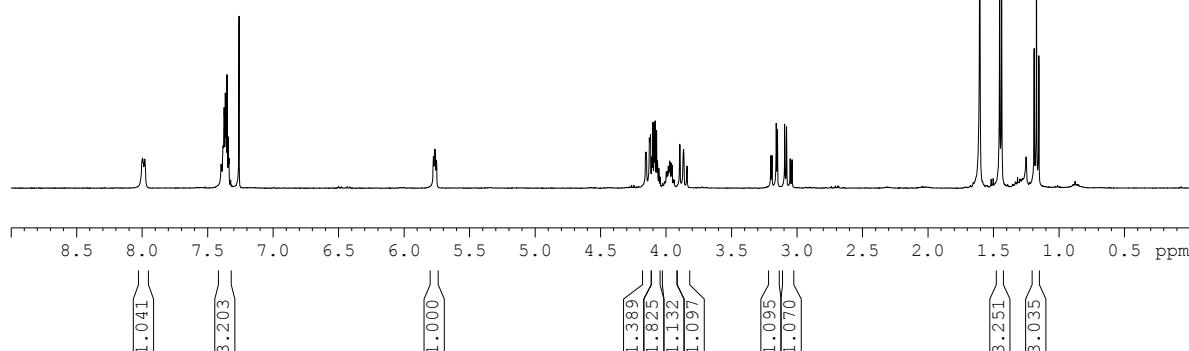




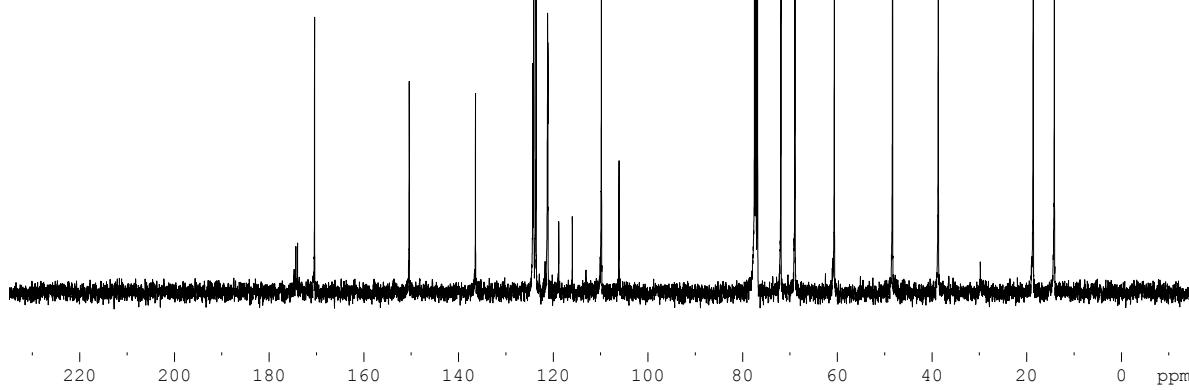


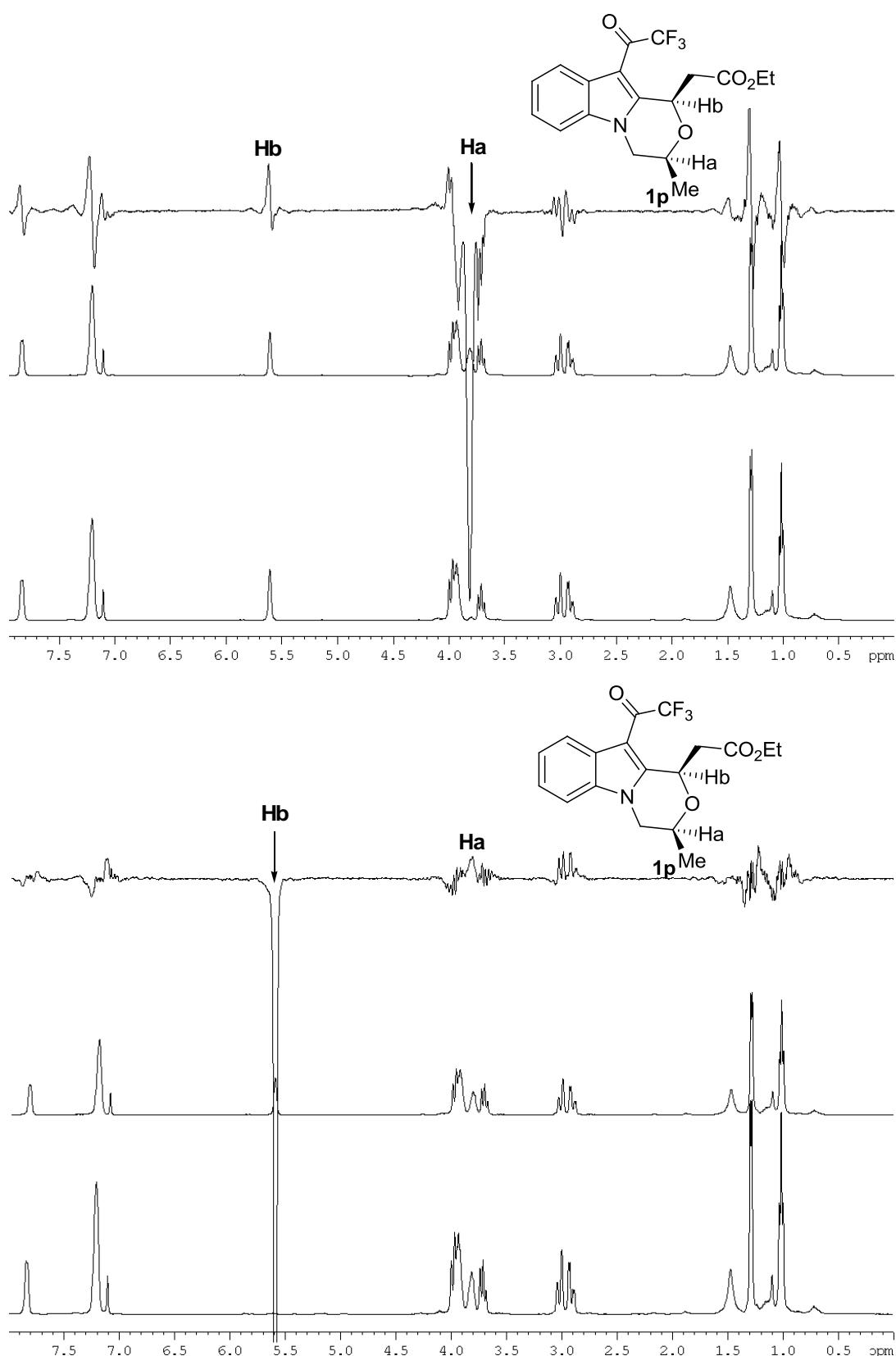


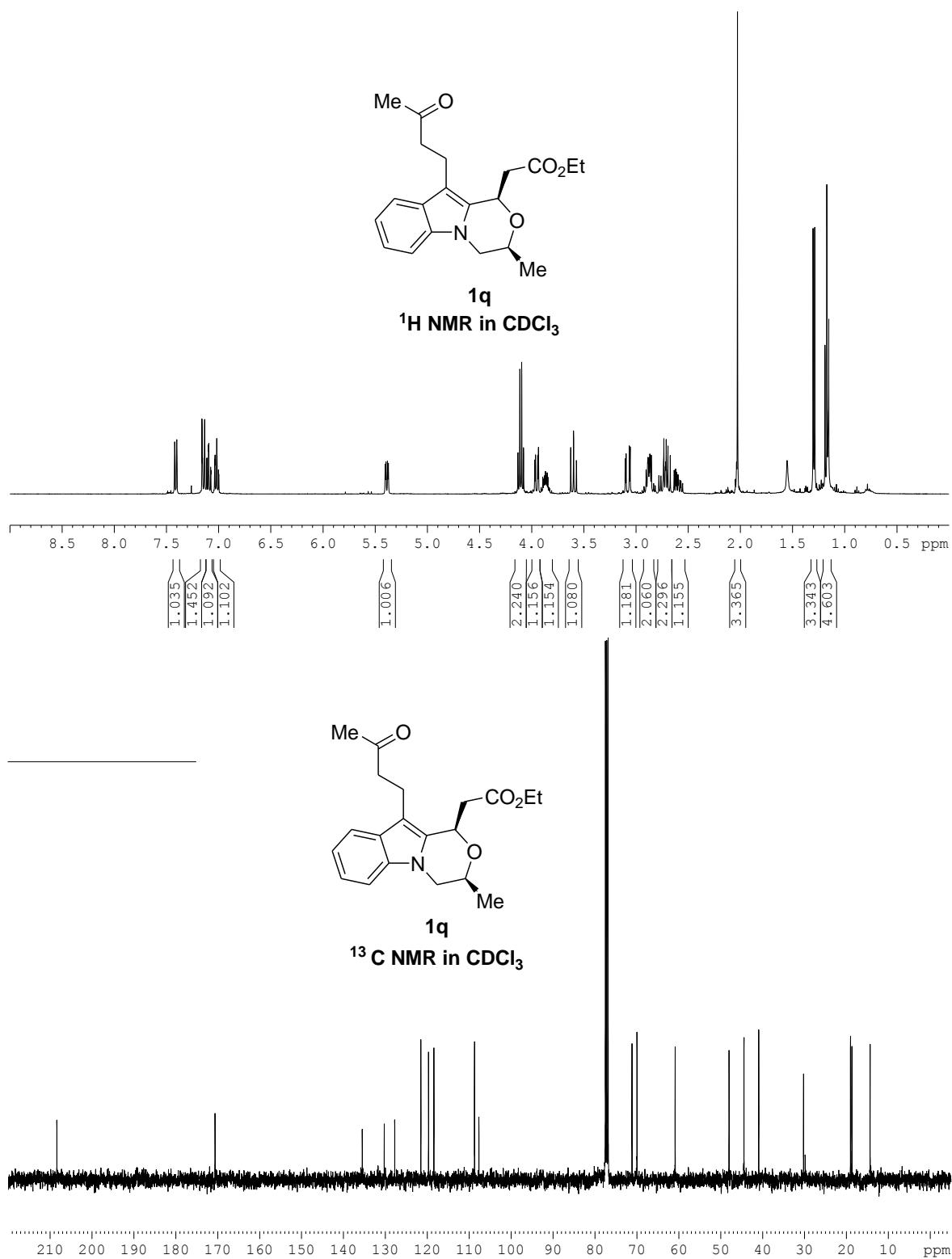
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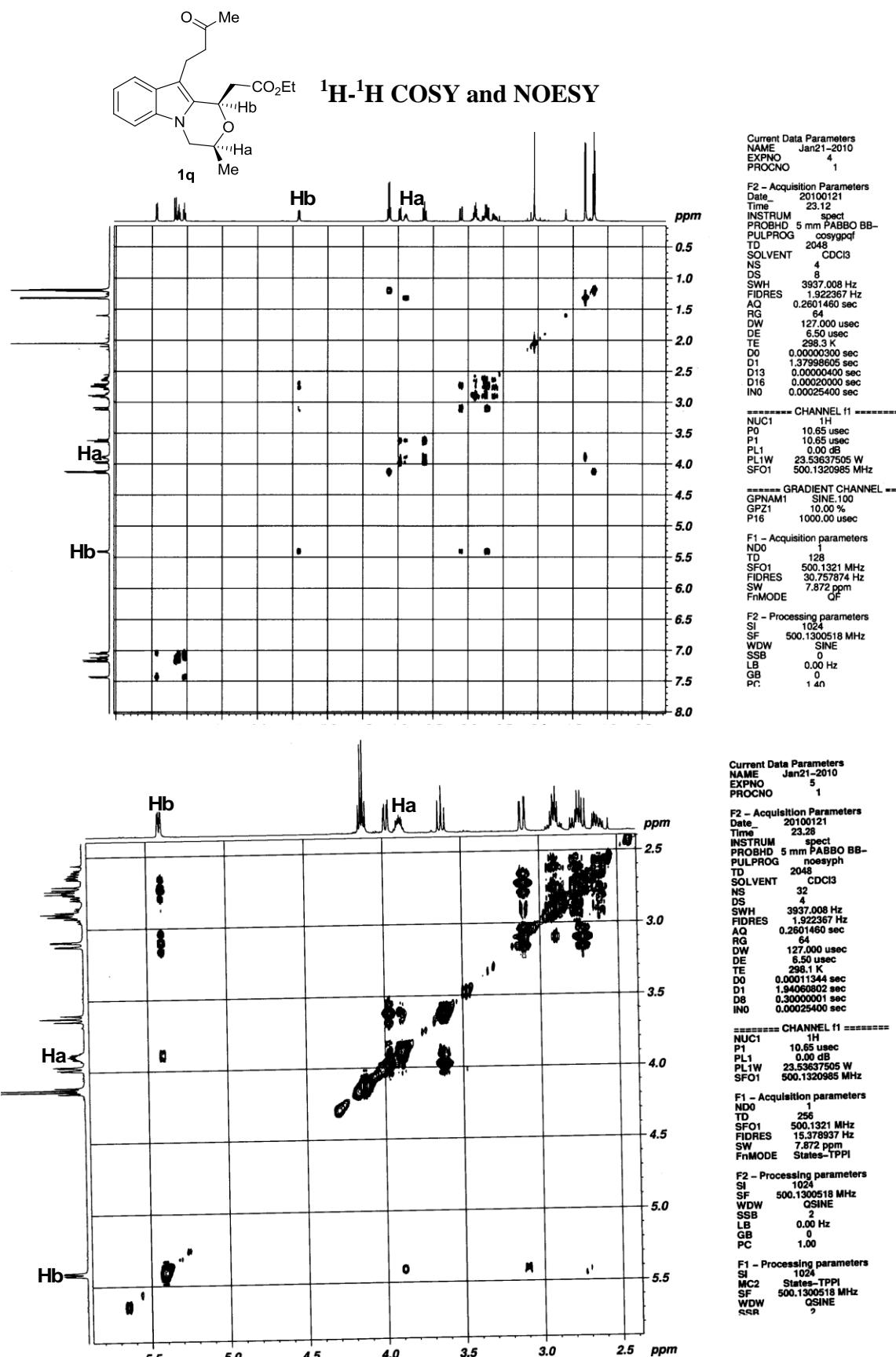


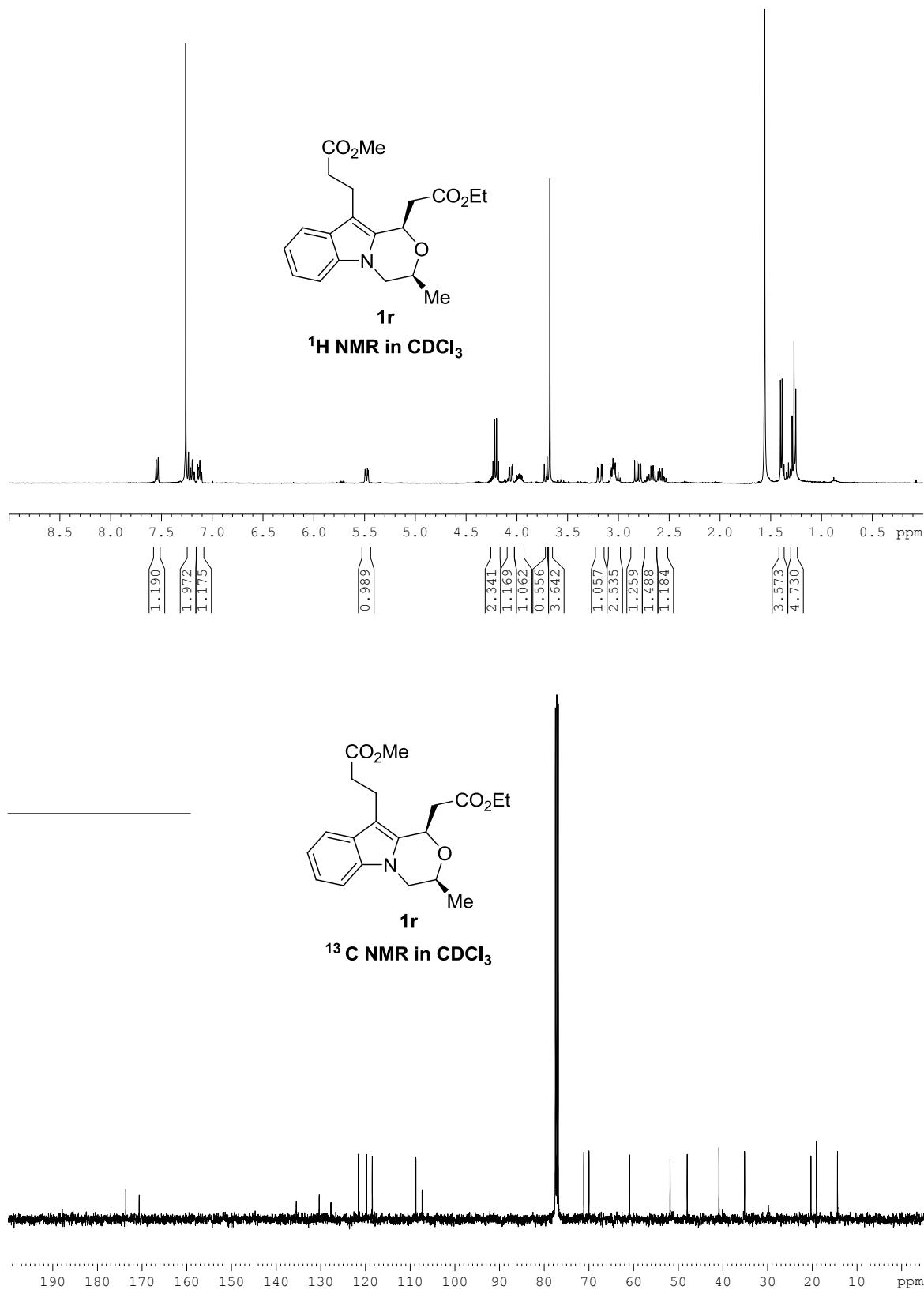
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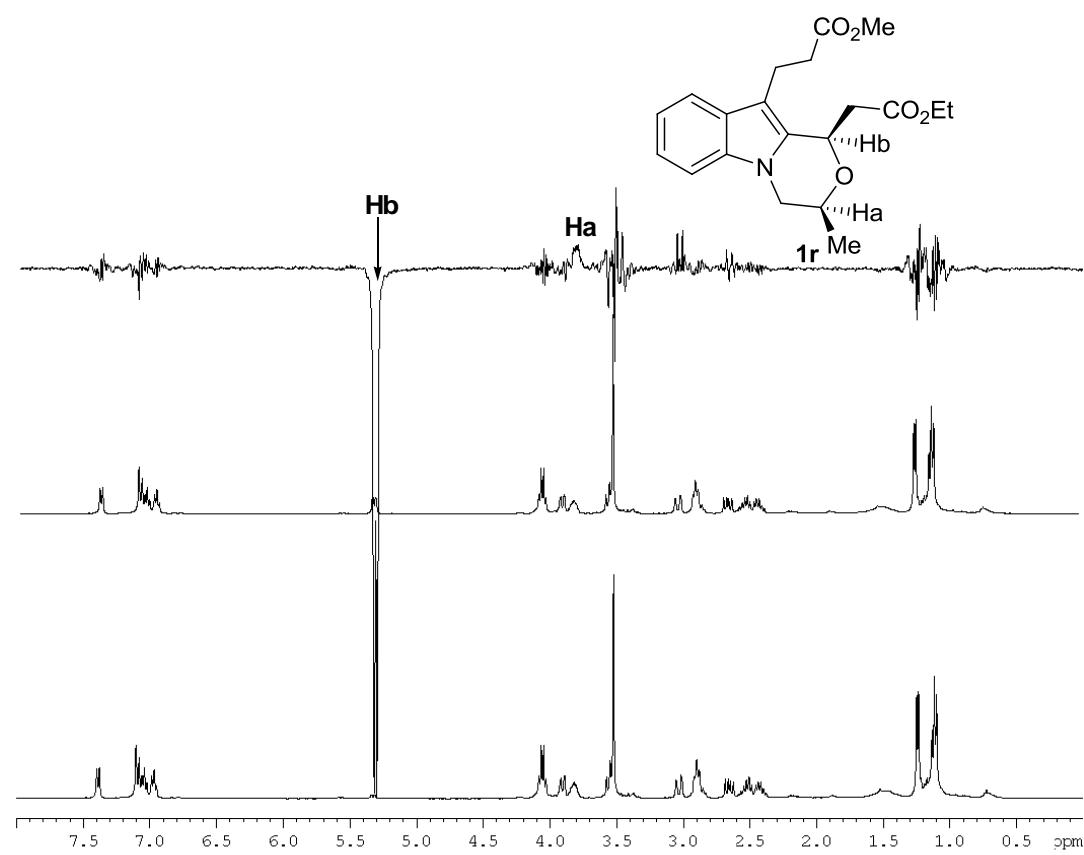
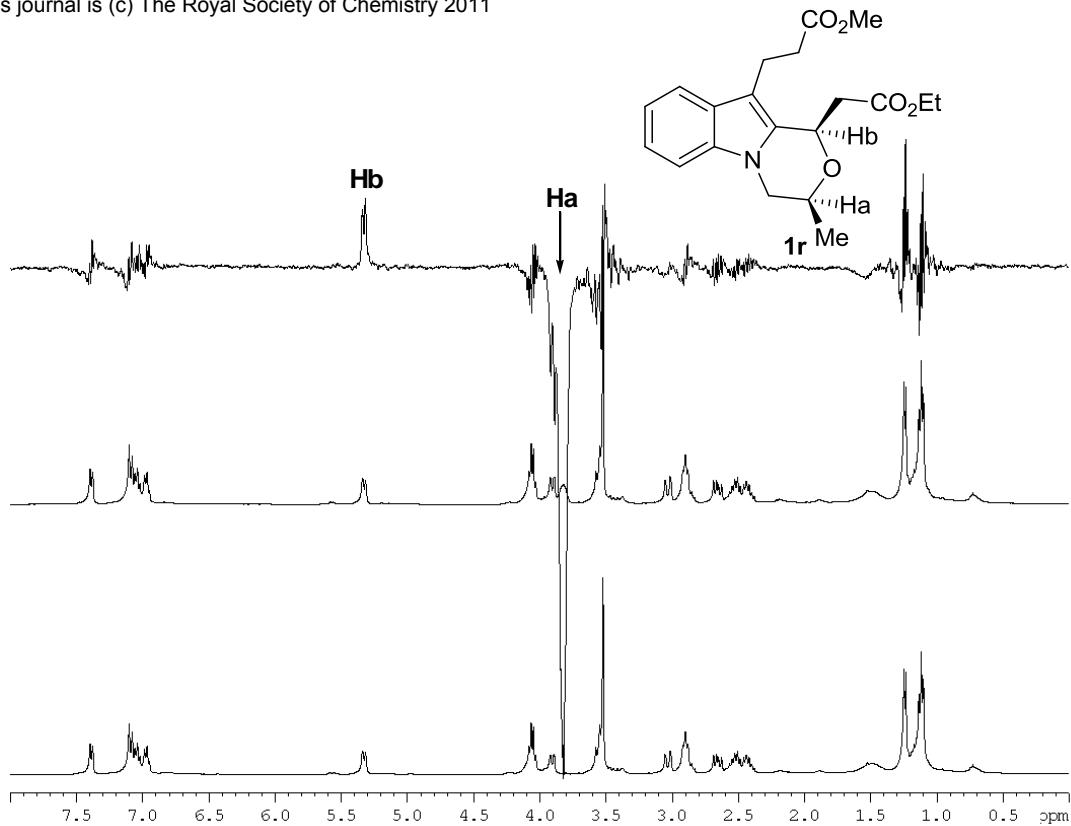


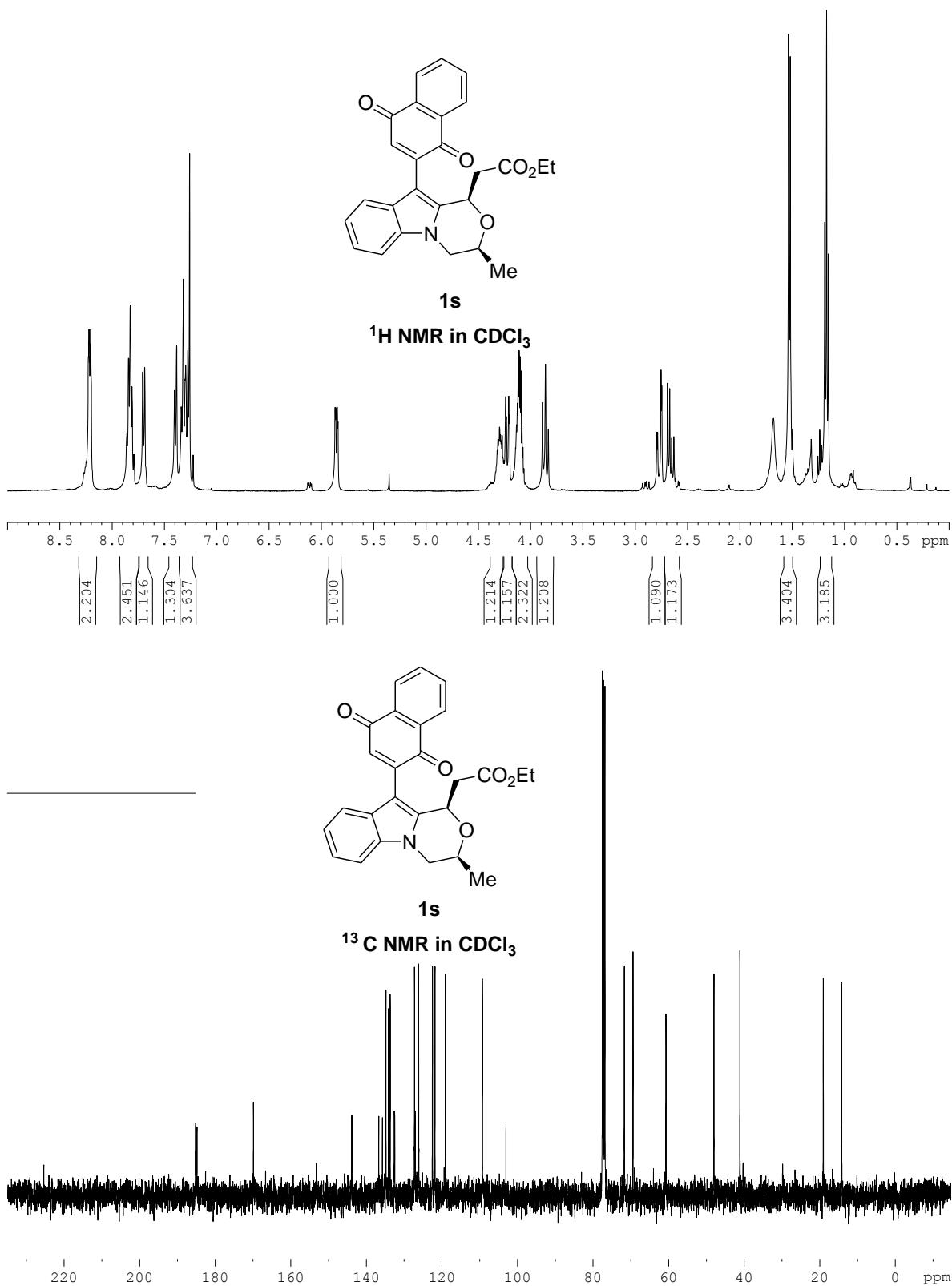


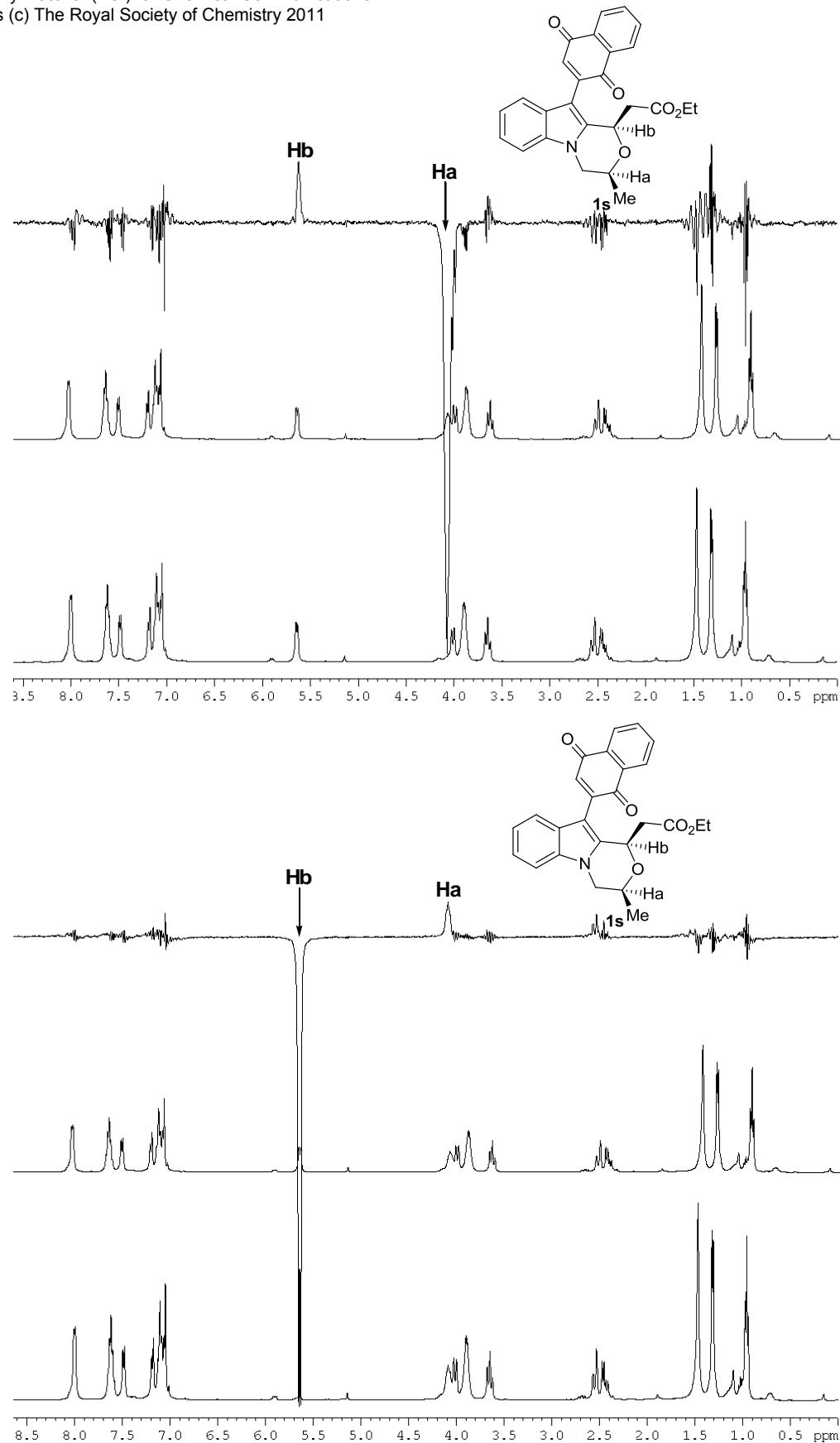


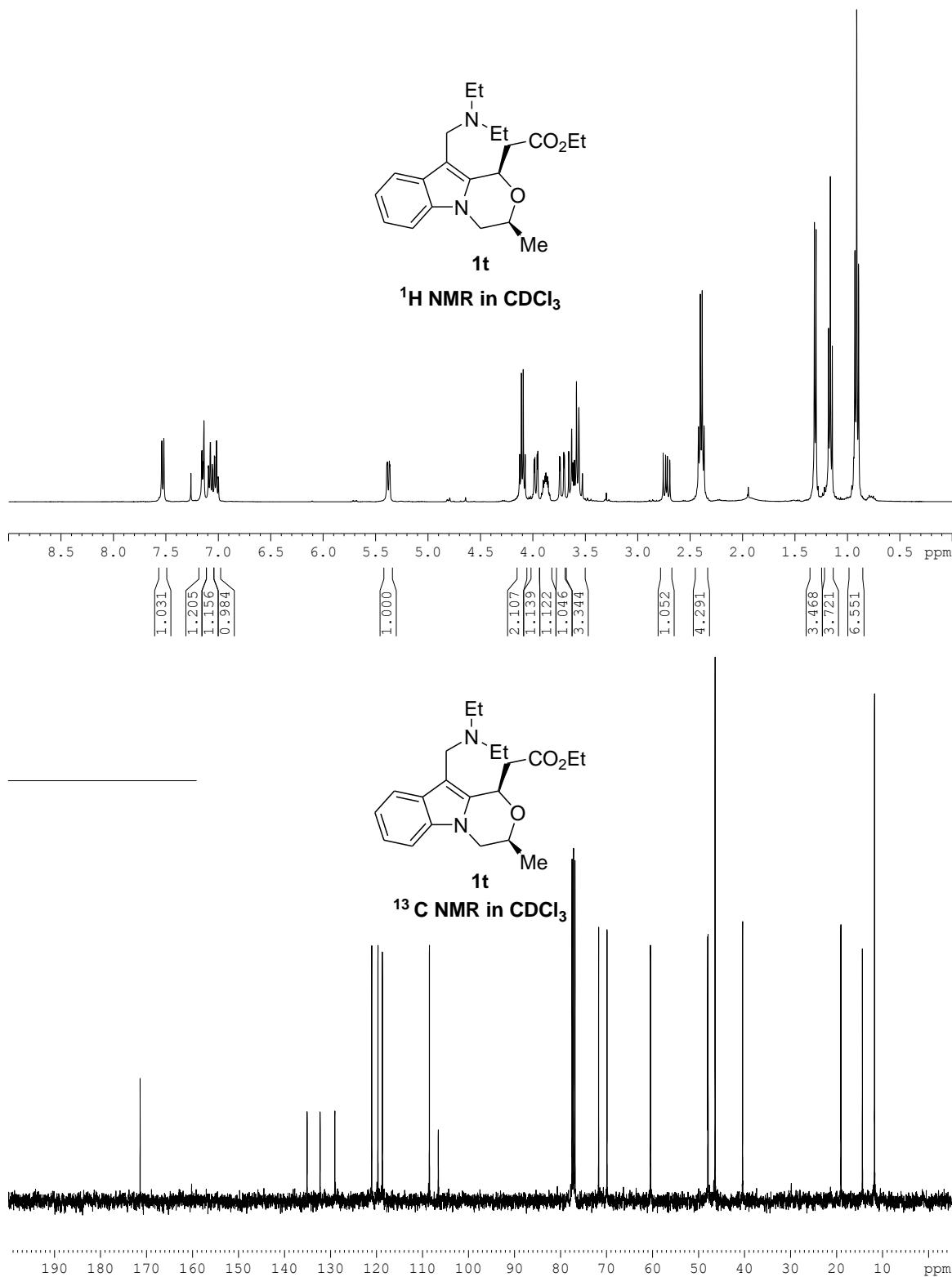


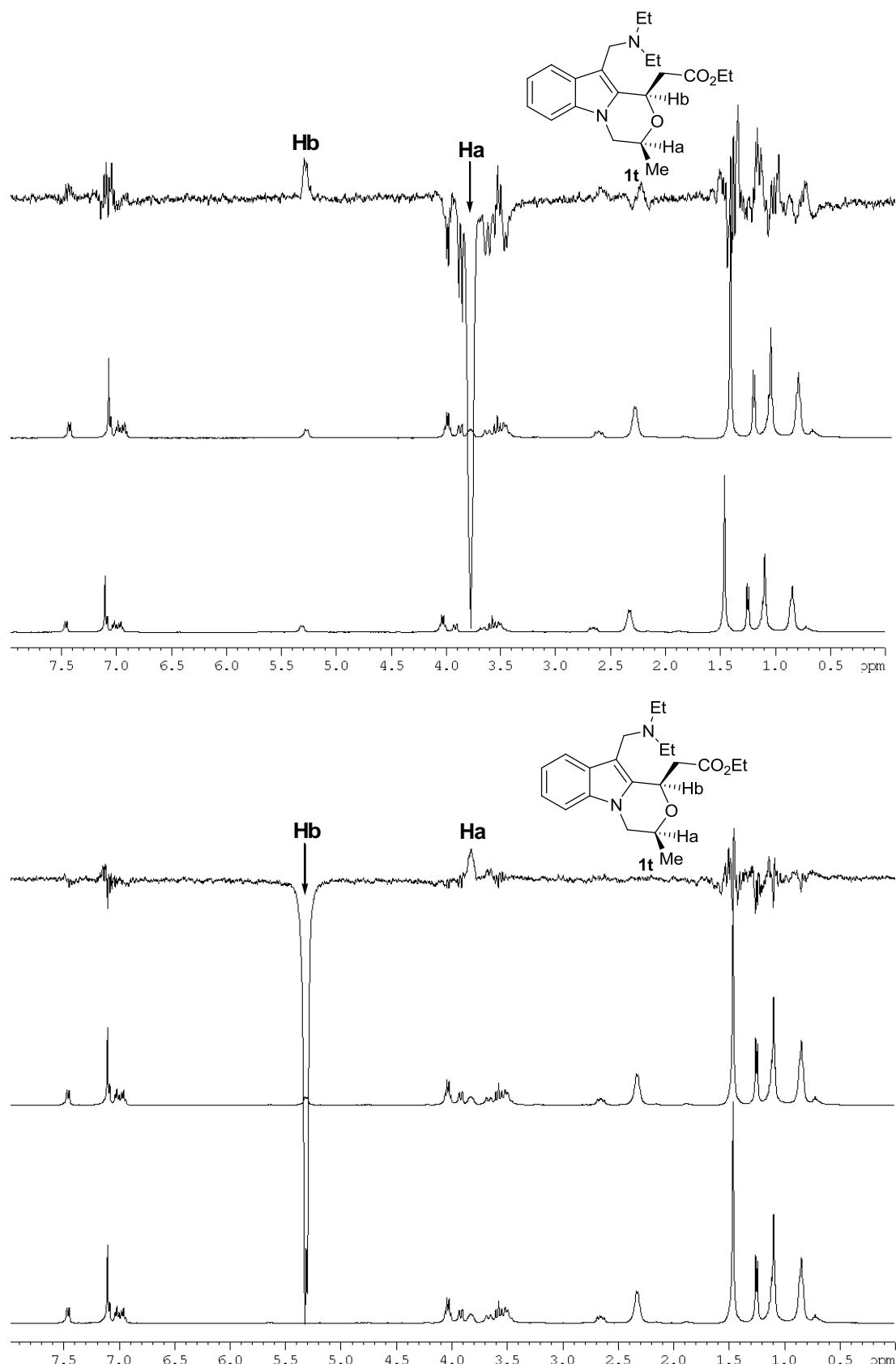


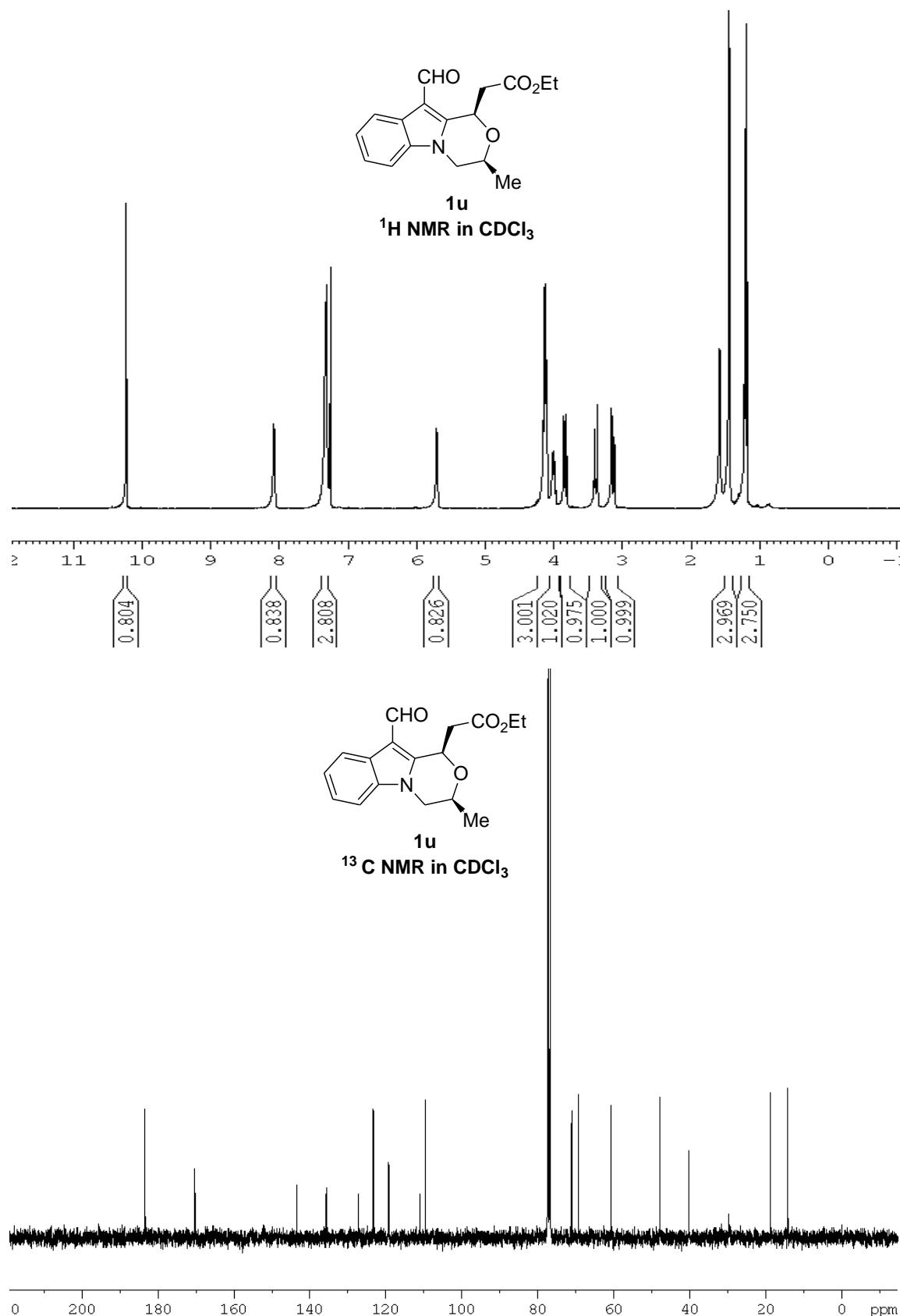


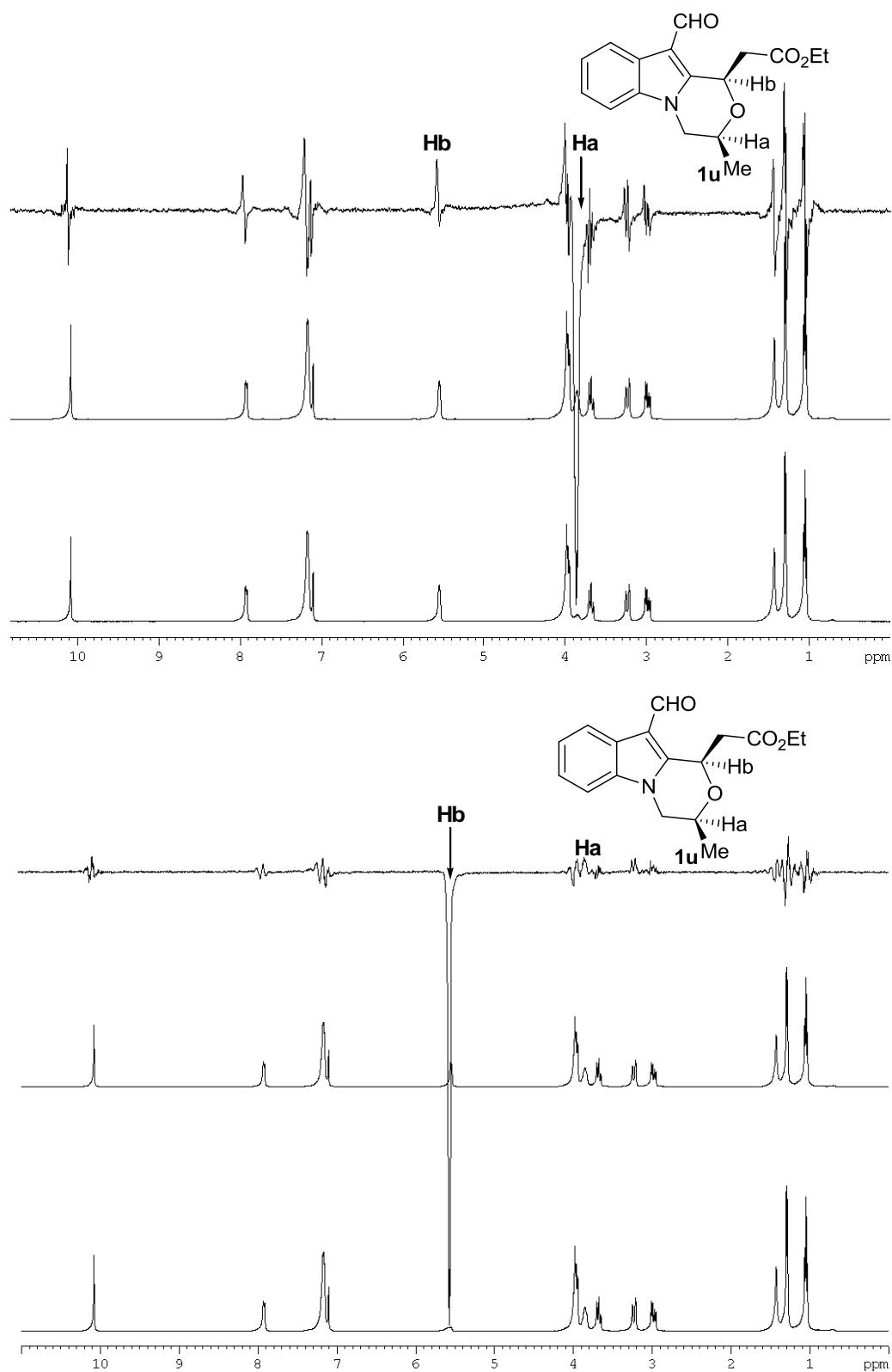


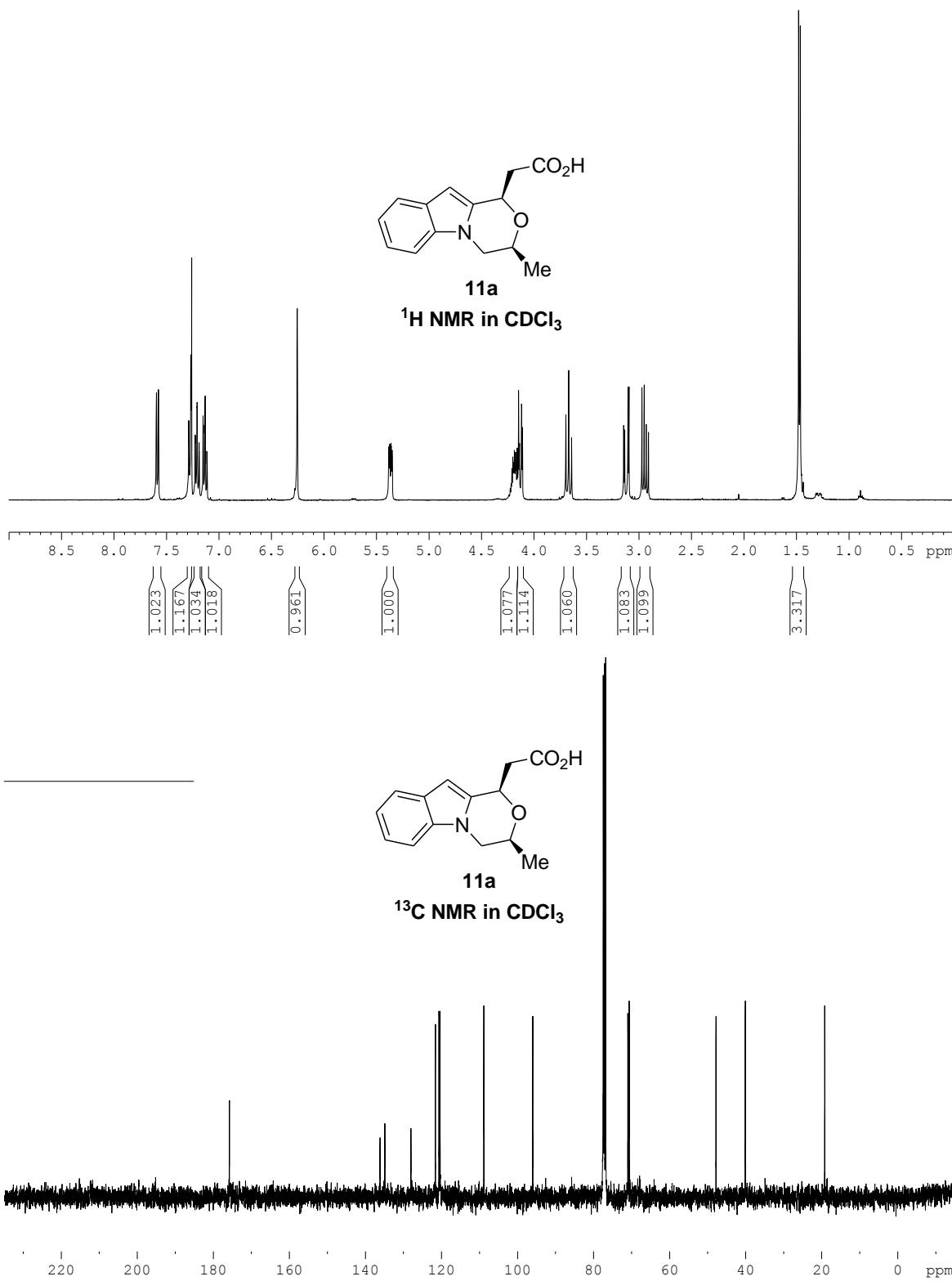


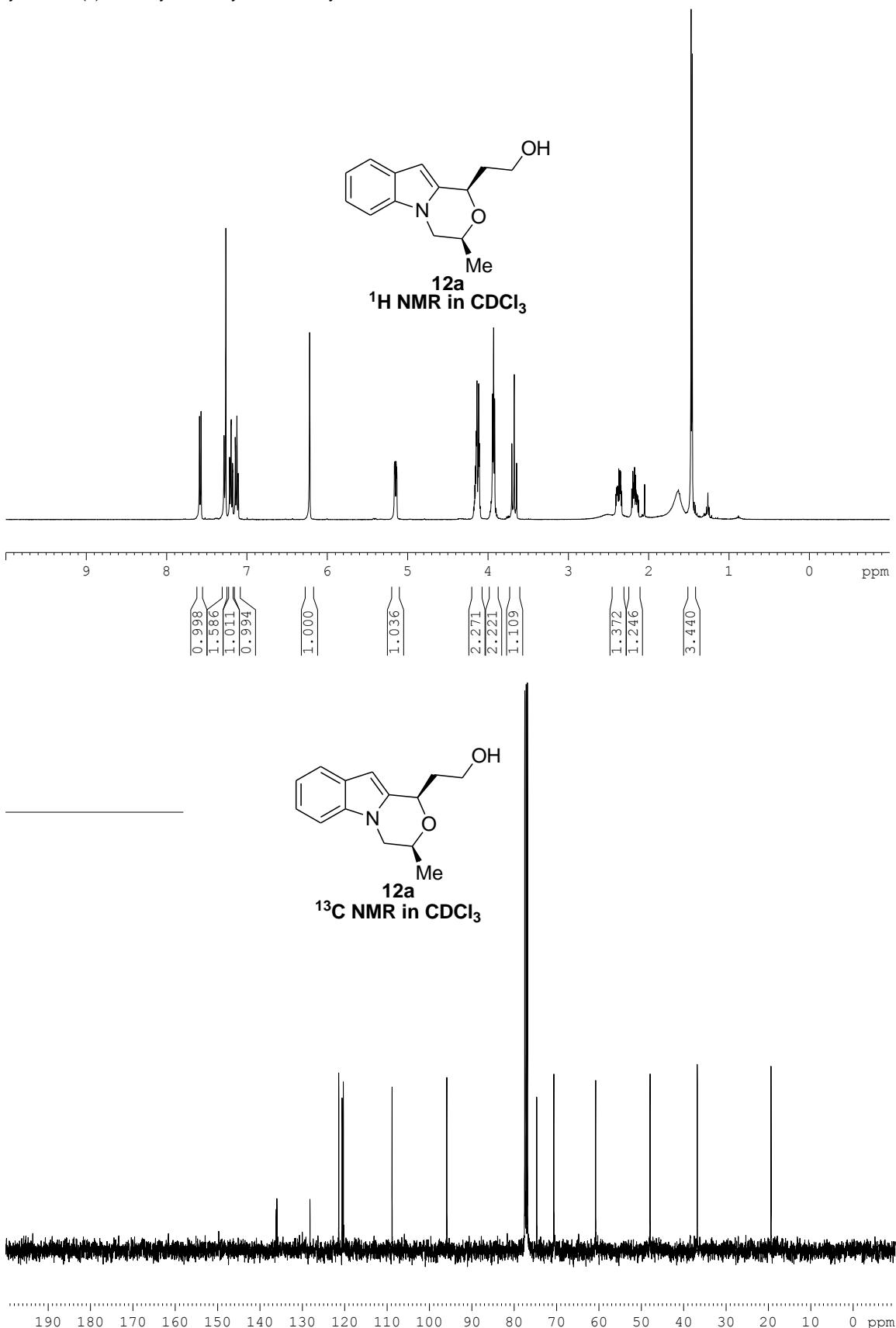


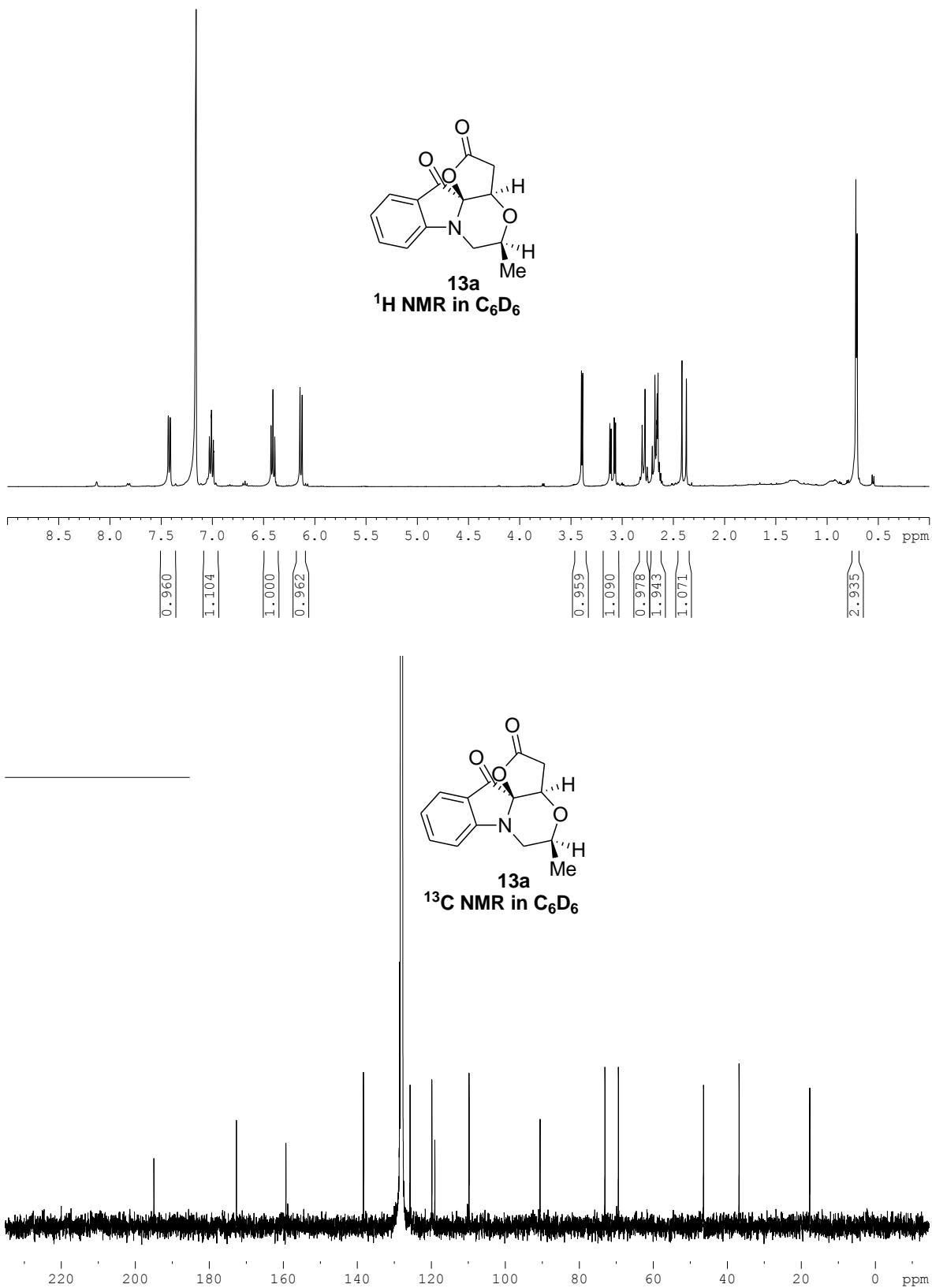


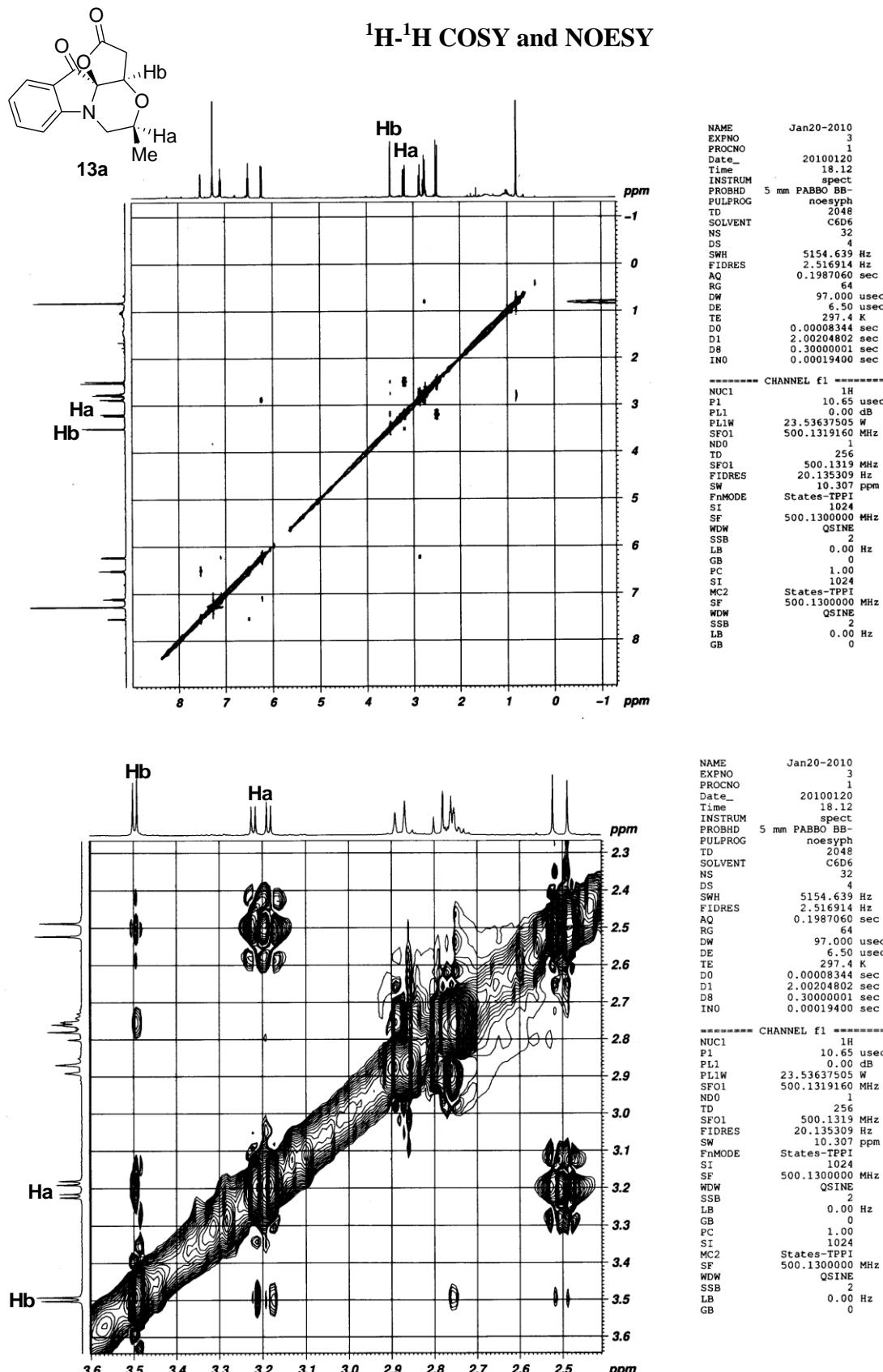


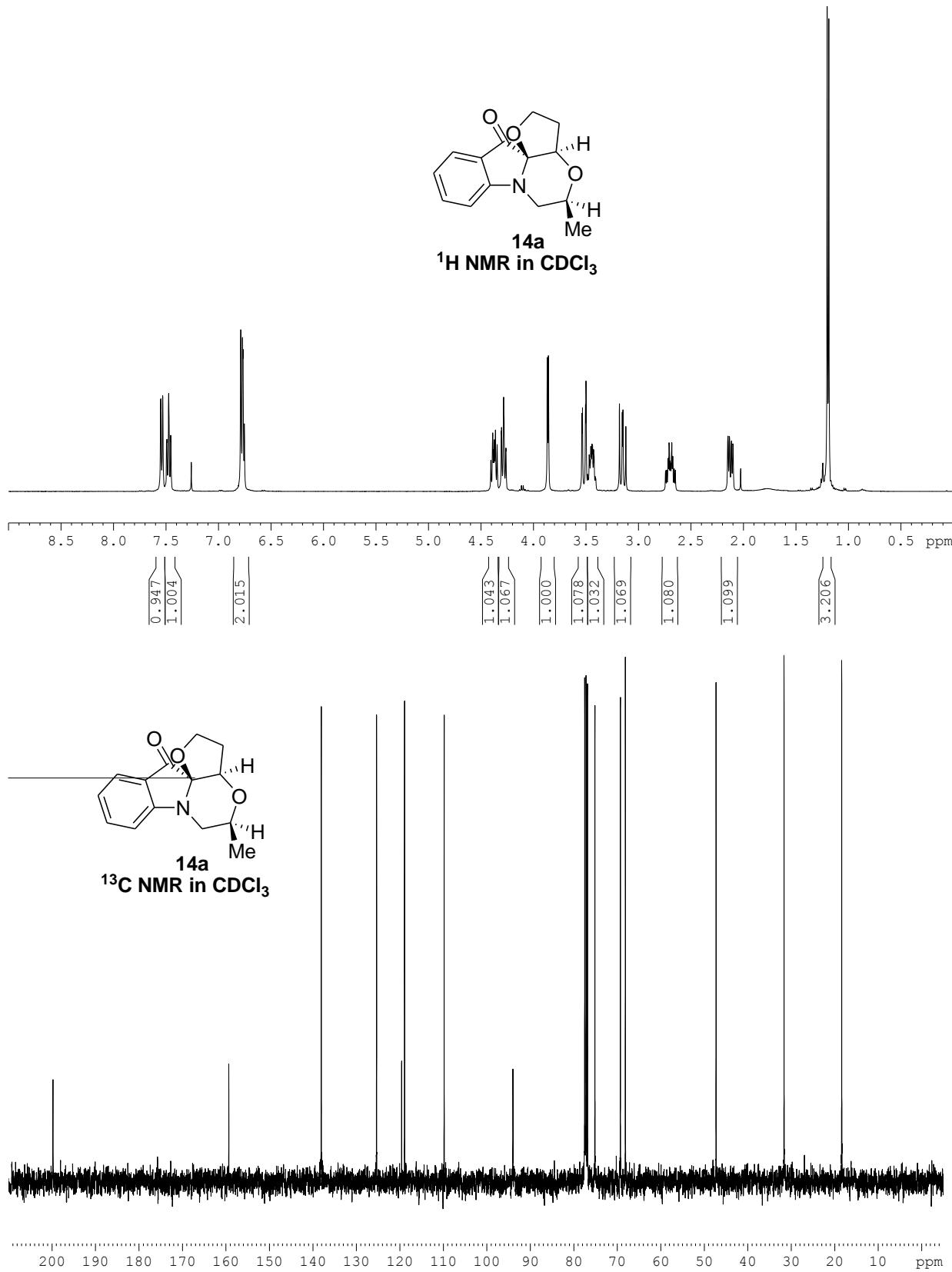


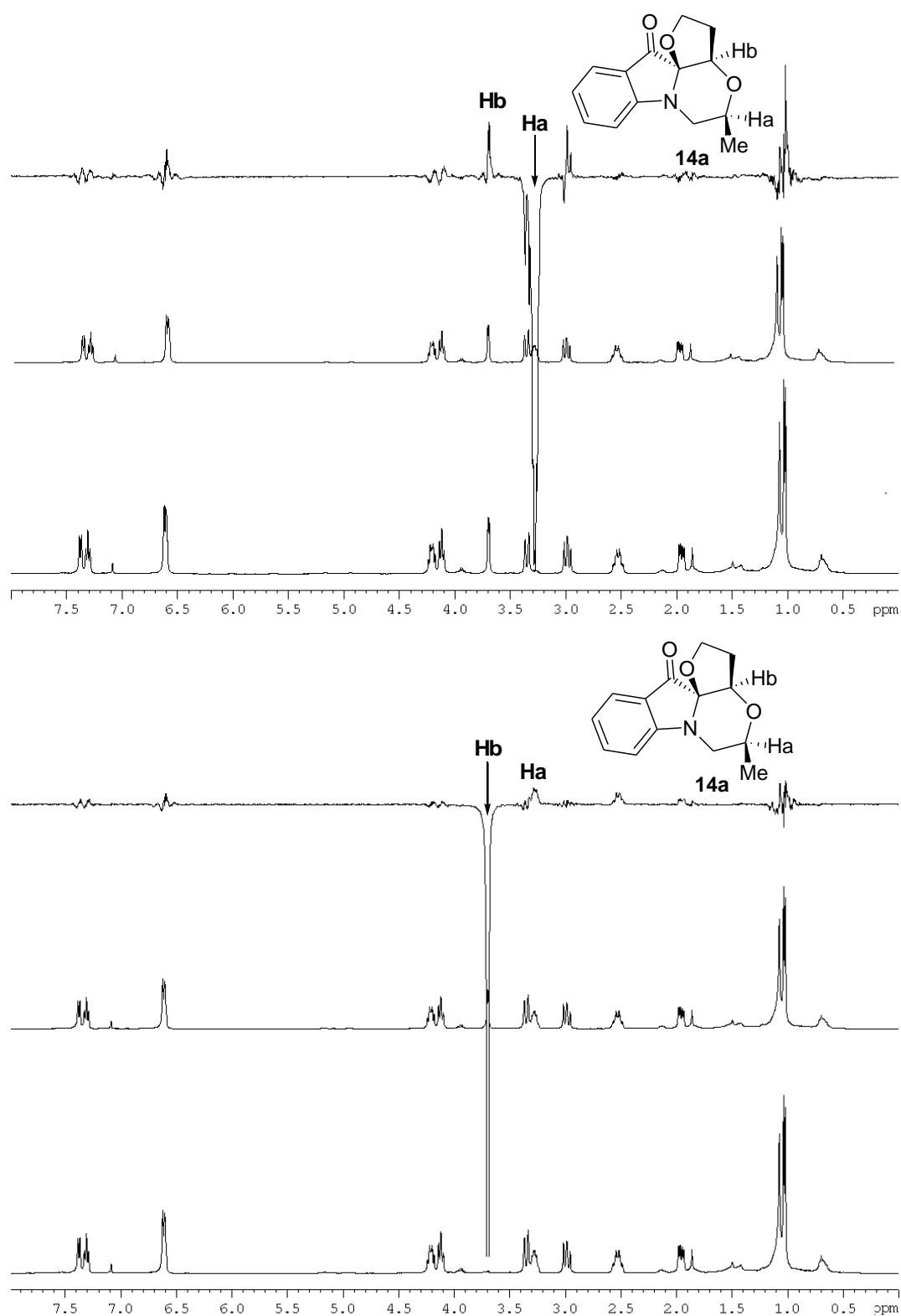




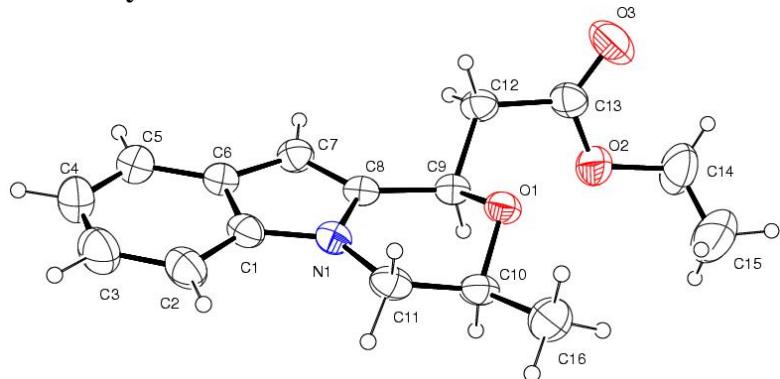






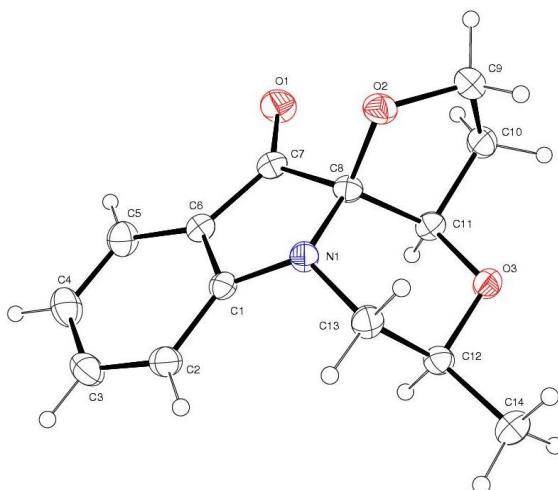


**Crystal data and structure refinement for 1a**



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Wavelength	0.71073 Å
Crystal system, space group	Monoclinic, P2(1)/n
Unit cell dimensions	a = 10.4764(4) Å alpha = 90 deg. b = 8.4739(3) Å beta = 102.944(2) deg. c = 17.5527(8) Å gamma = 90 deg.
Volume	1518.66(11) Å <sup>3</sup>
Z, Calculated density	4, 1.200 Mg/m <sup>3</sup>
Absorption coefficient	0.083 mm <sup>-1</sup>
F(000)	588
Crystal size	0.38 x 0.22 x 0.20 mm
Theta range for data collection	2.54 to 29.06 deg.
Limiting indices	-14<=h<=12, -8<=k<=11, 21<=l<=23
Reflections collected / unique	12548 / 3748 [R(int) = 0.0268]
Completeness to theta = 25.00	96.8 %
Absorption correction	None
Max. and min. transmission	0.9837 and 0.9693
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F <sup>2</sup>
Data / restraints / parameters	3748 / 0 / 184
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.021
Final R indices [I>2sigma(I)]	R1 = 0.0707, wR2 = 0.2112
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.1213, wR2 = 0.2508
Extinction coefficient	0.006(4)
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.392 and -0.518 e.Å <sup>-3</sup>

### Crystal data and structure refinement for 14a



CCDC No.	801689
Identification code	<b>14a</b>
Empirical formula	C <sub>14</sub> H <sub>15</sub> N O <sub>3</sub>
Formula weight	245.27
Temperature	298(2) K
Wavelength	0.71073 Å
Crystal system, space group	Monoclinic, P2(1)/c
Unit cell dimensions	a = 6.05110(10) Å alpha = 90 deg. b = 14.5244(5) Å beta = 100.186(2) deg. c = 14.0584(5) Å gamma = 90 deg.
Volume	1216.10(6) Å <sup>3</sup>
Z, Calculated density	4, 1.340 Mg/m <sup>3</sup>
Absorption coefficient	0.095 mm <sup>-1</sup>
F(000)	520
Crystal size	0.35 x 0.28 x 0.15 mm
Theta range for data collection	3.17 to 28.30 deg.
Limiting indices	-7<=h<=6, -15<=k<=19, -18<=l<=16
Reflections collected / unique	8987 / 2805 [R(int) = 0.0323]
Completeness to theta = 25.00	96.5 %
Absorption correction	None
Max. and min. transmission	0.9860 and 0.9677
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F <sup>2</sup>
Data / restraints / parameters	2805 / 0 / 164
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	0.901
Final R indices [I>2sigma(I)]	R1 = 0.0440, wR2 = 0.1207
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.0749, wR2 = 0.1434
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.216 and -0.191 e.Å <sup>-3</sup>